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Safe for home

Warnings of poisonous poinsettias vanish from holiday safety tips because scientific research has shown the plants not to be toxic./**8B**



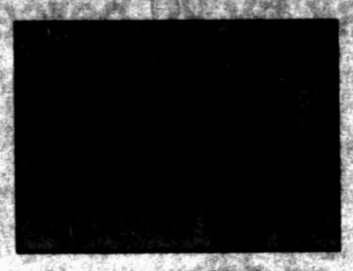
SPORTS

Osborne retires

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne retired with tears in his eyes, ending one of the most successful careers in college football history./**1C**

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Chance of flurries, high in mid-30s. Weather on 2A





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Promising medicine

WASHINGTON — A schizophrenia medicine is showing promise in treating some heart-rending complications of Alzheimer's disease: the aggression and delusions that can lead patients to attack loved ones and nursing home workers.

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Slapping mothers

BRIGHTON, Mich. — Nearly 30 years after being slapped by her mother, Erica Miller finds the memory still stings. But she thinks her mother was right. "When I was 13, I swore at my mother and she knocked me right on my fanny," said Ms. Miller, now 42 with four daughters. "Right away, I knew I had it coming, and she never had to hit me again. The spare-the-rod, spoil-the-child debate has been stoked by the recent arrests of two Michigan mothers for slapping their wayward daughters.

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No winner

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas, state lottery officials said. The jackpot, which was worth an estimated $4 million, will rise to about $8 million for Saturday's drawing if sales continue as expected.

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Chance of snow unlikely but won't be excluded from forecast

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

Not much more than a trace of snow will fall over the Tall City during the next couple of days, said officials with the National Weather Service in Midland.

Local NWS forecasters said Wednesday night that while slight amounts of precipitation will not be excluded from today and Friday's forecast, the chances are highly unlikely.

The conditions that Midlanders have seen in the last couple of days are not the effects of a polar front, but characteristics of a cold air mass that has been casting gusty winds across Colorado, New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle, said Don Steigerwald, Accu-Weather forecaster.

"It's an upper-level cold air mass that has created a high pressure system in the basin area," Steigerwald told the Reporter-Telegram. "That is what's causing the gusty winds around there."

Not much snowfall was expected to fall over the Panhandle last night. Amarillo reported snow flurries, but nothing significant, Steigerwald said.

"There might be a small accumulation in the northeastern Panhandle ... maybe 2 inches, but definitely not more than that," he said. "I think in Midland, there might be a few flurries, but not enough to accumulate."

Today's high should be in the 30s, but Friday's high should reach near 40.

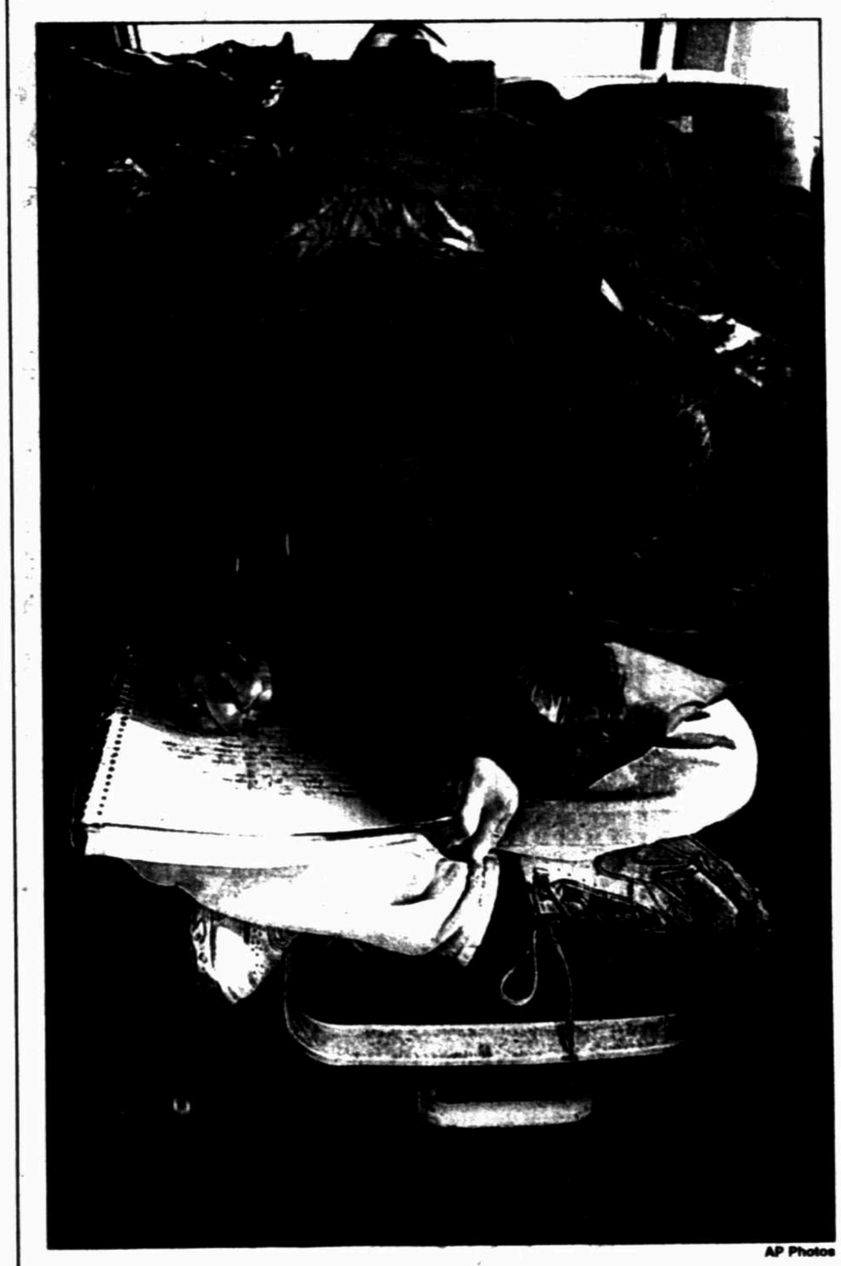
"After that, we'll be seeing a lot of moderation until Monday. The high should be back in the 60s by then," Steigerwald said. "It should stay like that for a few days. Then Midland should be seeing a funnel system by Tuesday. At that time, if there is any precipitation, it'll be rain."

As of press time, Alpine, Amarillo and Dalhart were the only municipalities with a measurable amount of snowfall. But the amount did not exceed 0.2 inches, according to the NWS.



Home, street home

A van doubles as a home for a family of seven after they were evicted from their apartment on Dec. 2 without notice.



AP Photos

At top, five Thor family children spend their time in the family van that now doubles as their home, parked along Merrimack Street Dec. 6, in downtown Lowell, Mass., where the family of seven has been living since Dec. 2. Lowell city officials say the family and some 20 other residents of the complex were evicted because of unsafe living conditions in the buildings. Above, Savin Thor, 10, sits on a food storage cooler as she writes a Christmas poem in the family van.

Nations give first approval to Kyoto pact

■ European-U.S.-Japanese compromise came under Third World attack in final debate, delaying formal approval.

Associated Press

KYOTO, Japan — The world's nations gave preliminary approval this morning to a landmark agreement to reduce fuel emissions by industrial countries in the 21st century to guard the Earth against global warming.

The Kyoto Protocol, headed for final conference approval after 11 days of arduous negotiations, will help set an energy course for much of the world for decades to come.

"The eyes of the world are upon us now," chief U.S. negotiator Stuart Eizenstat declared in a contentious post-midnight session of the climate conference. "We have an opportunity to do really something good."

On a final night that stretched far into morning, the future of the carbon-loaded atmosphere hung on the calm click of calculators, as negotiators in conference backrooms set budget periods, apportioned quotas and toted up emissions of the "greenhouse" gases linked to global warming.

Eventually, a grand European-U.S.-Japanese compromise took shape: The European Union would reduce its greenhouse emissions by 8 percent below 1990 levels, the United States by 7 percent, and Japan by 6 percent.

Twenty-one other industrialized countries would meet similar binding targets, and the reductions would be achieved between 2008 and 2012. All are committed to more profound cuts after that.

Altogether, the 38 nations will be cutting greenhouse emissions by slightly more than 5 percent under 1990 levels.

"This is a figure that is going to have an impact on the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere," said Raul Estrada, chairman of the talks.

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AP Photo

A delegate sleeps in a meeting room as he and some other delegates await negotiations between U.S. and the European Union to conclude at the Global Warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, Wednesday.

INS to open fingerprint center in Odessa

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

ODESSA — In the here and now, immigrants wanting to become naturalized citizens have to make a five-hour journey to El Paso to have their fingerprints taken as part of the citizenship process.

Things are about to change, Immigration and Naturalization Service officials said Wednesday during a visit to the Permian Basin to announce that Odessa will now be the site of an Application Support Center (ASC). The center will accept fingerprint cards starting next month, said Juanita Hester, supervisor of the adjudications office in El Paso.

"Representatives from Dallas and Washington, D.C., are looking for a location," she said. "One should be found by mid-January."

The fingerprints are entered into an FBI database called the Automated Fingerprint Identification System. AFIS was developed to provide identification services and criminal background histories, and provides 10-print, latent print, subject search and criminal history request services.

Searches have been successful in finding arrest records dating from as far back as 1934, she said.

The large population of Latino resi-

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Conference's keynote speaker credits basin's oil production to CO2 recovery

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

If oil production in the Permian Basin is not declining as rapidly as other U.S. oil producing regions, Rich Kinder said it is because of CO2 recovery.

"We are bullish on CO2. It has proven itself. It now accounts for about 155,000 barrels per day, or 20 percent of the total daily production of the basin," says Kinder, who was the keynote speaker at the opening of the CO2 Conference and Exhibition Wednesday.

He said that he is sold on the CO2 application, not just for the Permian Basin, but for all oil producing areas. As chairman of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners — owners of the Central Basin Pipeline —Kinder recently negotiated to form a partnership with Shell CO2 to market CO2 nationwide. He said the Mid-continent area, Utah and California, are prime candidates for CO2 recovery, and that the new company, Shell CO2 Ltd. would like to play role in CO2 recovery in those areas.

However, Tim Bradley, who will head up the new CO2 company, said that the Permian Basin is still the nation's top target for CO2. "Primary recovery will get about one-eighth of the oil in place, secondary recovery one-quarter and tertiary (CO2) another one-eighth. That means there is still one half

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James Self with ICO in Odessa, right, shows his company's product to Kelly Stark, who works for Oxy USA, at The annual Permian Basin CO2 Conference & Exposition ongoing at Midland Center.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Friday	Saturday
Chance of flurries	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 35	High 39	High 45
Low 20	Low 22	Low 26

Today's forecast calls for cloudy and cold with a chance of snow flurries with a high near 35. Winds will be gusty and from the north at 10 to 20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a low near 20.

Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 40.

After an overnight low of 23, Tuesday's high was 46, compared to the record high for that date of 82 set in 1933. The record low was 15 set in 1978.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	.00 in.
Total for month	.02 in.
Total for year	15.77 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

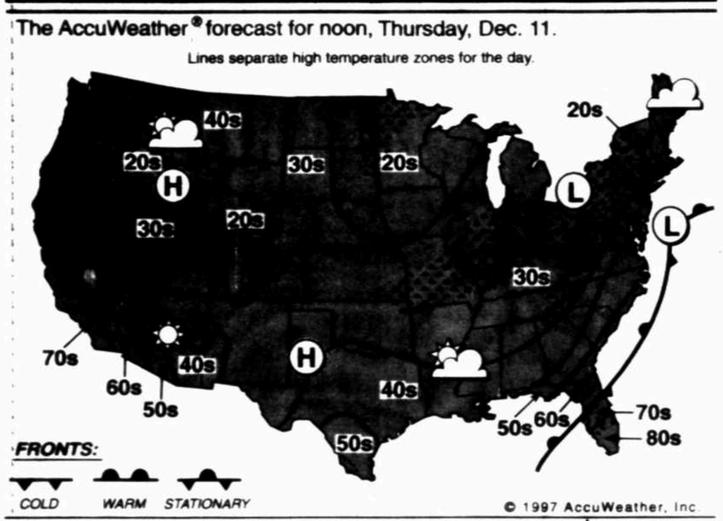
High	46
low	23
Normal high	59
Normal low	32

Sunrise: 7:39 a.m. **Sunset: 5:45 p.m.**

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Dec. 11.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.

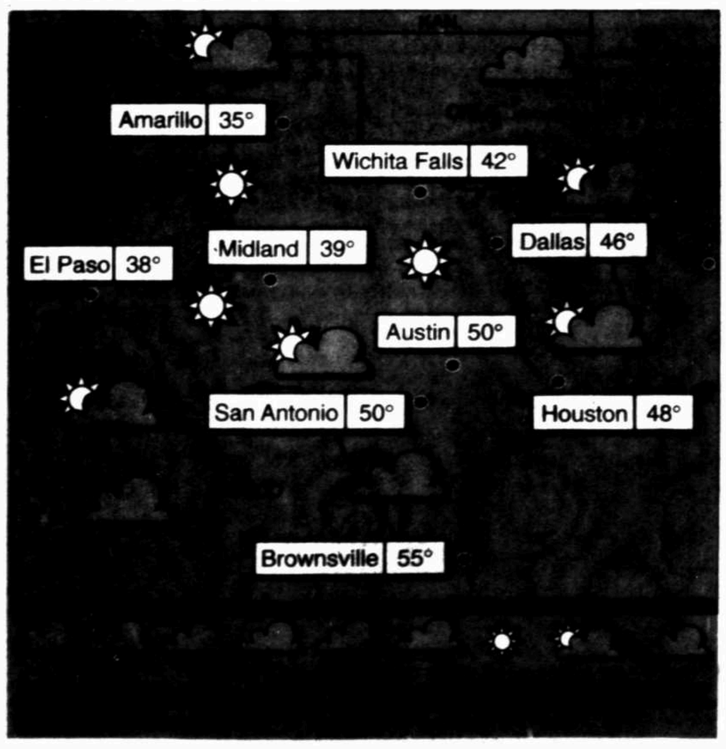


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:33 p.m. EST

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	29	22	cdy	
Albuquerque	34	23	04	cdy
Anchorage	31	16	02	sn
Asheville	60	32	25	cdy
Atlanta	65	41	30	cdy
Atlantic City	45	36	30	cdy
Baltimore	42	37	22	cdy
Billings	30	27	clr	
Birmingham	61	52	30	cdy
Bismarck	29	24	03	cdy
Boise	37	18	cdy	
Boston	40	30	cdy	
Buffalo	31	27	52	m
Burlington,Vt.	24	18	cdy	
Casper	25	22	09	cdy
Charleston,S.C.	76	50	28	cdy
Charleston,W.Va.	58	38	18	cdy
Charlotte,N.C.	47	40	32	cdy
Cheyenne	22	20	16	clr
Chicago	35	33	56	cdy
Cincinnati	47	40	70	sn
Cleveland	37	34	58	sn
Columbia,S.C.	58	44	07	cdy
Columbus,Ohio	46	35	82	sn
Concord,N.H.	36	16	cdy	
Dayton	44	35	61	sn
Denver	25	23	01	cdy
Des Moines	32	28	cdy	
Detroit	34	33	11	cdy
Duluth	29	27	cdy	
Evansville	43	38	22	cdy
Fairbanks	-4	-15	sn	
Fargo	29	24	cdy	
Flagstaff	27	3	cdy	
Grand Rapids	33	31	25	cdy
Great Falls	31	16	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	43	38	30	cdy
Hartford Spgfld	35	23	12	cdy
Helena	34	17	cdy	
Honolulu	77	67	m	
Indianapolis	42	37	22	cdy
Jackson,Miss	53	49	12	cdy
Jacksonville	80	62	2.86	m
Juneau	45	41	m	
Kansas City	32	30	cdy	
Las Vegas	51	41	clr	
Little Rock	43	42	sn	
Los Angeles	68	51	clr	
Louisville	47	42	57	cdy
Memphis	46	46	01	cdy
Miami Beach	85	70	cdy	
Milwaukee	36	31	15	cdy
Mpls-St Paul	35	27	cdy	
Nashville	51	45	51	cdy
New Orleans	70	60	rn	
New York City	41	39	44	cdy
Norfolk,Va.	53	43	35	cdy
North Platte	30	20	02	cdy
Oklahoma City	36	35	cdy	
Omaha	30	26	04	cdy
Orlando	82	67	1.66	m
Philadelphia	41	38	31	cdy
Phoenix	56	41	clr	
Pittsburgh	47	m	37	m
Portland,Maine	37	18	cdy	
Portland,Ore	52	41	10	clr
Providence	42	27	04	cdy
Raleigh-Durham	46	40	45	cdy
Rapid City	31	24	clr	
Reno	41	18	clr	
Richmond	45	33	35	cdy
Sacramento	59	34	clr	
St Louis	36	33	06	sn
Salt Lake City	29	18	clr	
San Diego	66	44	clr	
San Francisco	58	41	clr	
San Juan,P.R.	86	73	clr	
Santa Fe	28	21	07	cdy
St Ste Marie	31	30	cdy	
Seattle	51	40	15	cdy
Shreveport	46	43	sn	
Sioux Falls	27	25	cdy	
Spokane	31	26	05	cdy
Syracuse	32	19	12	m
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	74	64	90	m
Topeka	32	29	sn	
Tucson	49	34	cdy	
Tulsa	36	34	sn	
Washington,D.C.	44	37	20	cdy

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	46	31	
Alice	84	49	
Amarillo	32	26	
Arlington	49	38	
Austin bergstrom	56	42	
Austin Mueller	60	41	
Beaumont	64	50	
Brownsville	70	60	
Burnet	54	36	
Childress	39	28	
College Station	53	41	
Conroe	57	43	
Corpus Christi	65	47	
Corsicana	50	37	
Cotulla	62	33	
Dalhart	33	24	0.02
Dallas	48	40	
Del Rio	60	38	
Denton	45	37	
El Paso	46	28	
Fort Stockton	46	34	
Fort Worth	45	35	
Galveston	64	54	
Harlingen	68	56	
Hondo	56	37	
Houston Intrctnl	59	45	
Huntsville	58	41	
Junction	51	28	
Kingsville	67	46	
Laredo	63	50	
Lubbock	40	21	
Lufkin	52	41	
Marfa	45	21	
McAllen	70	54	
Midland	46	23	
Mineral Wells	49	33	
Navy Corpus	65	59	
New braunfels	57	43	
Palacios	59	49	
Paris	43	37	
Rockport	62	51	
San Angelo	50	28	
San Antonio	56	38	
Terrell	45	40	
Victoria	57	45	
Waco	50	37	

OPEN: Oil prices drop shouldn't have much impact on CO2 development, speaker says

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of the original oil in place, even after CO2 recovery."

Bradley said perception plays a big role in recovery and that Permian Basin operators have a healthy perception of the situation. "They look at a glass and see one that is half-full and not one that is half-empty."

"In the Permian Basin, the throughput of the Central Basin Pipeline — the backbone of the area's CO2 infrastructure — was 170 mmcfd in 1996. This year it is 300 mmcfd," Kinder said.

In two to five years, he estimates the Central Basin Pipeline will reach peak capacity at 600 mmcfd.

The Permian Basin is currently injecting 1.4 billion cubic feet daily of CO2 to recover 155,000 incremental barrels. If CO2 injection is doubled across the basin in the next two to five years, it could almost double production in the basin. The rule of recovery is that for each 5 mcf of CO2 injected, one barrel is produced.

"If we just double the capacity of the Central Basin Pipeline, we are looking at adding another 35-40,000 barrels per day," Kinder said.

Noting that the average total CO2 recovery cost is $2 to $3 a barrel, Kinder doesn't think the drop in oil prices will have much impact on CO2 development if it stays in the upper teens.

"Most oil companies have already forecast $18 oil for the long term. The major oil companies are fairly consistent in the view that prices will rise and fall, but the long-term average will be around $18."

Kinder said that U.S. production in the last 10 years has declined from 10 million barrels a day to 6 million barrels a day, and that CO2 recovery will be a key to stopping that slide. "I think most oil producers will be willing to do whatever it takes to get those last few barrels out of the ground."



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

The annual Permian Basin CO2 Conference & Exposition is ongoing at Midland Center. Don Riggs, with Ridgeway gave a presentation Wednesday.

Study: One drink a day reduces death risk by 20 percent

BOSTON (AP) — The biggest study ever of alcohol's effects on health found that a drink a day in middle age reduces the risk of death by 20 percent.

The research documented this decrease over a nine-year period in men and women whose average age at the start of the study was 56.

Many reports over the past two decades have shown that a little alcohol is good for the heart. However, some have also found an increased risk of breast cancer and other diseases.

The latest research, conducted by the American Cancer Society, attempts to add up the pluses and minuses and calculate the net effect of alcohol on health.

Like most other studies, this one found that modest drinking is, on balance, healthful. The ill effects, including cancer, are greatly offset by alcohol's benefits to the heart.

"The best advice to the public is, nothing in excess," said Dr. Michael J. Thun, the study's lead author.

The researchers gave questionnaires to 490,000 men and women and then followed up nearly a decade later, after 46,000 of them had died. The findings were published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The participants ranged in age from 30 to 104 at the start of the study. It is at middle age and beyond when alcohol's benefit to the heart is expected to pay off.

Among the results:

■ Men and women who averaged one drink a day had a 21 percent lower risk of death than did nondrinkers.

■ The benefits decreased as people drank more. Among those who averaged four or five drinks a day, the risk of death among men was 10 percent lower, while among women it was 7 percent lower.

■ Women who consumed at least one drink a day had a 30 percent higher risk of dying from breast cancer than did nondrinkers. Drinkers also faced a higher risk of dying from cirrhosis, alcoholism and cancer of the mouth, throat and liver.

■ Overall, drinkers had about a 30 percent to 40 percent lower risk of dying of cardiovascular disease than did teetotalers.

Those who got the biggest benefit from drinking were people who clearly had bad hearts.

"It shows that the net effect of alcohol consumption on overall mortality is influenced not only by how much people drink but also by their background health risk," Thun said.

Alcohol appears to protect the heart by raising levels of HDL, the good variety of cholesterol, and it may have other beneficial effects on the circulatory system, as well.

Until now, two of the largest studies to look at this question were the Harvard-based Nurses Health Study and the Physicians Health Study. They found that moderate drinking lowers women's risk of death by 17 percent and men's by 22 percent.

An editorial by Dr. John D. Potter of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle noted that men in the latest study averaged one drink a day, while women consumed less than one. This is less than half what Americans typically consume.

If the general population drank more like these people did, Potter wrote, "we would see more of the benefits and less of the harm associated with alcohol."

Dr. Enoch Gordis, head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said the findings support the institute's recommendation that people who drink moderately don't need to stop, but no one should take up drinking solely to protect the heart.

"There is no great news in this study," he said, "but since it was done so carefully with a large number of people, I think it is a valuable piece of work."

TALKS: Kyoto outline expected to face uphill battle in Washington

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The Kyoto document represents an unprecedented international effort to control energy use for the common good.

One leading U.S. environmentalist, John Adams of the Natural Resources Defense Council, hailed it as "immensely important," although the green movement generally wished the targets were more ambitious. Unhappy business leaders, meanwhile, particularly from the U.S. coal and oil industry, said the energy restraints could only cause economic distress.

But a key judgment — from the U.S. Senate — was yet to come.

Because the Kyoto outline did not mandate reductions by developing countries, it was expected to face an uphill struggle for ratification in Washington. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said U.S. lawmakers "will not ratify a flawed treaty."

The key Kyoto compromise came after the White House freed the U.S. negotiators' hand Monday to abandon a milder plan.

President Clinton had originally proposed that emissions be cut only to, not below, 1990 levels, between 2008 and 2012. The European Union had favored a more ambitious plan: cutting emissions by 15 percent below 1990 levels by 2010.

The final outline is a complex, highly technical document whose many variable features gave negotiators, with their calculators, leeway to find middle ground in many areas:

REDUCTIONS

The cuts cover carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, products of fossil fuel combustion; methane, emitted by organic waste; and three "halocarbons," substitutes for banned ozone-damaging substances. The targets range from the minus-8 percent level for Europe to a 10 percent increase allowed Iceland because it has an aluminum smelter coming on line.

TRADING

Industrial nations can trade "emissions quotas" among themselves. That would allow one to fall short of meeting its cutback target by purchasing quotas from another that more than meets its target. Third World nations protested Thursday it was a loophole allowing the United States and other countries to avoid full cutbacks.

ENFORCEMENT

The treaty parties will meet later to determine how to sanction countries that violate their assigned emissions levels. A U.S. proposal to penalize violators by deducting quotas from future periods was dropped from the plan.

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

In the contentious final session, the United States failed in its main effort to extend binding commitments to developing countries, a provision that would have allowed Third World nations to "opt in" under mandatory reductions.

Eizenstat told reporters Washington would continue to work to get developing countries involved. "They asked us to take the first step.

Global warming fight looms in Senate for Clinton, Gore

By James Bennett
N.Y. Times News Service

■ **News analysis**

WASHINGTON — In the end, Bill Clinton and Al Gore could not walk away.

They faced unpleasant political options as negotiations wound down in Kyoto, Japan, and representatives of more than 150 nations neared agreement on a treaty to cut the emissions that lead to global warming. Under the treaty that the administration plans to sign, the United States will have to take more drastic steps than the White House had hoped to cut greenhouse emissions. Heavy industry, from cars to coal to steel to electricity, has already joined with organized labor to fight the proposal.

But walking away from the treaty — as Gore said he was willing to do last week — would have enraged the environmentalists who are key constituents for him and Clinton. It would have isolated the United States — which just refused to sign an international treaty banning land mines — as the leading emitter of greenhouse gasses and the only industrial nation unwilling to address the problem. And it would have been contrary, their aides said, to a belief shared by the president and vice president that global warming presents grave dangers.

But now the administration has a larger fight on its hands, a fight that will help define not only budget negotiations next year but the 1998 congressional elections and even the next presidential race.

Even before the treaty was worked out, Democratic allies of the administration were warning the White House not to seek approval in the Senate. "What we have here is not ratifiable in the Senate in my judgment," Sen. John Kerry, Democrat of Massachusetts, said in a telephone news conference from Kyoto.

Before the Kyoto meeting began, the Senate voted 95-0 to pass a resolution that the United States would not agree to a treaty that did not provide a role in cutting emissions for developing nations. That became a negotiating goal for the administration.

In Kyoto, Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said flatly, "There is no way, if the president signs this, that the vote in the United States Senate will even be close. We will kill this bill."

The treaty emerging in Kyoto includes a new program sought by the administration to funnel capital and environmentally friendly technology to the Third World. But White House aides said that, while they considered the provision a victory, it was not strong enough to win ratification.

The White House is also planning to propose tax incentives to encourage reductions in greenhouse-gas emission as part of its budget proposal early next year, but that, too, will be subject to congressional approval.

Two administration officials said that, judging by the early criticism, the public would get a positive impression of the administration's actions. "We figured that we would probably be criticized by both industry and environmental groups," one of them said, "which has the effect of saying, 'Well, they must have ended up in a place that's pretty sensible.'"

Indeed, in Kyoto, one industry coalition went as far as to put out a news release denouncing the agreement hours before the deal was final. And the World Wildlife Fund attacked the plan, saying that the outcome was "a flawed agreement that will allow major polluters to continue emitting greenhouse gasses through loopholes."

But Fred Krupp, executive director of the Environmental Defense Fund, said: "There's still much more work to be done to assure that the protocol's targets are met," but "Vice President Gore should be commended for coming to Japan and opening the doors to an agreement."

ASC: Large Latino population prompts INS to open office

(From 1A)

dents in the basin is what prompted the INS to establish a center in the area.

"A lot of people who live here still have ties or family members in Mexico ... who they eventually want to move to Midland or Odessa with them," she said.

Less than a week ago, bringing an ASC to the area was almost an impossibility and was struck off the idea list by INS authorities in Washington.

However, a letter of rebuttal from the El Paso office changed the minds of INS officials in Washington two days after they received it, Ms. Hester said.

"Then we got final word that we were getting a new office in the area," she said.

An INS agent will be transferred from another location to run the Odessa office. A three- or four-person support staff will be hired from a pool of local applicants.

The office, however, will not be responsible for providing information about INS services, but a toll-free number will be released later this month that will allow people to speak to a bilingual representative 24 hours a day, said Dan Kane, spokesman for the INS office in El Paso.

The local office also will view affidavits for naturalization beginning Dec. 19. The affidavit, Ms. Hester explained, is filed by a U.S. resident who claims total responsibility for an immigrant for at least five years.

"That means (immigrants) cannot receive benefits of aid in this country during that time," Ms. Hester explained. "Right now, it is not enforced because we do not have the resources to enforce it. Now we have the manpower to make sure no assistance is received."

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-9-7

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

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Yeltsin hospitalized with respiratory virus

■ Officials say Russian president's condition is not serious.

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin was hospitalized with a respiratory virus Wednesday after doctors warned the Russian president to take it easy or risk a more severe illness.

Despite past heart trouble — which the government had long tried to conceal — officials insisted that Yeltsin's condition was not serious and said the two-week hospitalization was only a precaution.

"In the wake of a cold, the president has developed a respiratory viral infection, and doctors do not exclude that it may turn into flu. In that connection, they recommended the president stay in a sanitarium," presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said.

Yeltsin will still be in charge of the country while he rests at the exclusive Barvikha government clinic outside Moscow, and will do paperwork and stay in touch with senior officials by telephone, the spokesman said.

The president's ability to stay in office is seen as vital to Russia's efforts to push ahead with reforms and stave off Communist and nationalist opponents.

In the past, presidential aides have used terms such as "a cold or flu" to mask serious health problems.

Near the end of the 1996 presidential election campaign, when Yeltsin suddenly disappeared from the campaign trail, officials said he had a bad cold. It was later confirmed that he had suffered a heart attack.

The Kremlin's attempts to conceal Yeltsin's heart trouble created distrust over its veracity about his health. Yeltsin, 66, has a long history of heart disease and underwent a heart bypass operation in November, 1996.

Yeltsin's latest illness was not likely to have any immediate political impact, although it comes at an inconvenient time. A government attempt to get the economy going is in trouble because of lack of funds and a scandal over book advances that has discredited top reformers.

While they would dearly love to see Yeltsin out of office, the Communists and other major opposition groups say they want power only via the ballot box.

If Yeltsin were to be incapacitated or die, the constitution provides for elections within three months. Yeltsin's current term runs until the middle of 2000.

But Yastrzhembsky, smiling and relaxed, warned the media against overplaying the seriousness of Yeltsin's condition.

"There have been no restrictions on the president's work with documents," Yastrzhembsky said. "The president was advised not to go outside for a while" but has not been confined to bed, he said.

President Clinton was informed of Yeltsin's ailment and would send him a "best wishes message," said Clinton spokesman Joe Lockardt. The United States had no reason to doubt the Kremlin's explanation for Yeltsin's hospitalization, he said.

"We have no reason to believe he is not at the top of his game," State Department spokesman James Foley said. "He is in good health."

Yastrzhembsky said Yeltsin might have caught a cold last week on a state visit to Sweden, when he occasionally appeared tired and confused.

Reporters who covered Yeltsin's trip to Stockholm saw the president standing in a drafty doorway for a long time while waiting for a meeting. After a while, Yeltsin's wife, Naina, moved him aside to protect him from the cold.

Moscow has been hit by at least two powerful strains of flu in recent weeks and older people are particularly susceptible, local doctors said.

Traffic no longer to be part of Trafalgar Square ambience

LONDON (AP) — Pigeons. Stone lions. Lord Nelson on a fluted column. And, of course, the relentless roar of traffic.

Those are the impressions carried home by the millions of tourists who trek through Trafalgar Square, home of the National Gallery and a major traffic hub located at the geographic center of modern London.

But soon, visitors can scratch traffic from the list.

In a millennium revamp, the famed plaza and nearby Parliament Square are to be radically redesigned to end the tyranny of traffic — congestion that one commentator noted had turned London's noble squares into "heartless traffic islands."

Under new plans, tourists would be able to stroll unimpeded across both Trafalgar and Parliament squares, stopping for tea at sidewalk cafes. The proposal also calls for a wall of water jets near the Houses of Parliament, creating a changing vista — and masking any remnant traffic noise.

Trafalgar Square, a must-see spot for London tourists, is a World Heritage Site incorporating 170 historic buildings. It honors Lord Nelson's last and greatest victory — the 1805 rout of French and Spanish navies off Cape Trafalgar on the southwest coast of Spain.

A renowned architect, Sir Norman Foster, has been commissioned by the Westminster City Council to make the area more friendly to pedestrians.

Foster's $32 million plan involves closing the road on the north side of the square, creating a pedestrian area stretching from the porticoed National Gallery to Nelson on his plinth at the southern end of the square. The south side of Parliament Square would be closed to create a pedestrian precinct linking the square with Westminster Abbey.

A second, more radical option involves also barring cars — although not buses — from the east and west sides of Trafalgar Square, and shutting St. Margaret's Street, which runs between the Houses of Parliament and the abbey.

Foster says the plan "will reinvigorate London's great squares, which are essentially dead at present."

Critics, however, fear the plan may simply aggravate traffic congestion in other areas as drivers are forced to make detours.

"Pedestrianization will make no difference unless London's whole traffic problem is solved" by charging drivers to bring their cars into the center, said Bob Oddy of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association.

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Cold War terrorist 'Carlos the Jackal' to stand trial for the first time

By his own count, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez killed 83 people before his capture in 1994, and was linked to some of the most sensational terrorist attacks of the Cold War.

PARIS (AP) — On a hot summer night in 1975, a young revolutionary called Carlos shot two French intelligence agents in a cheap fifth-floor walk-up in the Latin Quarter.

It was not one of the most notorious cases tied to the man who became known as "Carlos the Jackal." By his own count, he killed 83 people before his capture in 1994, and was linked to some of the most sensational terrorist attacks of the Cold War, including the 1972 massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics, the 1975 seizure of OPEC ministers in Vienna and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France jet to Entebbe, Uganda.

But it is the Paris killings that could put Carlos, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, behind bars for life when, for the first time, he stands trial in person Friday.

"Carlos was a very dangerous, ruthless individual who has shown no evidence of remorse," terrorist expert Paul Wilkinson said.

Security at the trial, expected to last one week, is strict. Each of the nine jurors has been assigned two bodyguards and a chauffeured car.

Defense lawyer Isabelle Coutant-Peyre said the Venezuela-born Ramirez has been learning French and voraciously studying the French penal code in order to play a major role in his case.

"He is going to fight like a lion," Coutant-Peyre said.

None of Ramirez's family or his ex-wife Magdalena Kopp will travel from Venezuela for the trial, Coutant-Peyre said. And none of his colleagues from other terrorist groups, including Germany's Red Army Faction, has been called to testify.

It was Kopp's capture in 1982 by the French that unleashed what Wilkinson called Ramirez's "personal vendetta" — a series of bloody attacks against France, which finally freed her in 1985.

Ramirez's opponents expect him to use the trial as a forum, and he may well welcome the courtroom spotlight following the three years of solitary confinement that followed his capture by French authorities in Sudan.

"I think he loves life," Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's oil minister at the time of the OPEC hostage crisis, told Associated Press Television. "He's a man who enjoys charming girls and drinking."

Known for his dancing skills and elegance, Ramirez, 48, stands little chance of enjoying the good life in the short term.

He faces two 30-year terms if convicted of gunning down Raymond Dous and Jean Donatini, the two intelligence agents investigating his role in attacks on Israel's El Al airlines at Paris' Orly Airport. In 1992, he was convicted in absentia for the slayings.

He could get another 30 years for shooting Michel Moukharbal, a fellow militant of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine who Ramirez believed might have been co-opted by French intelligence.

Representatives of victims of other attacks masterminded by Ramirez in France say they are preparing more cases against him in the event he slips through French justice.

"This trial is exemplary," said Francoise Rudetzski, a former lawyer and head of SOS Attentats, a group that helps victims of terrorist attacks.

"What is important is that no matter when the acts were committed, a terrorist can be judged," she said. "It could serve as a warning to others."

In elaborate ceremony, Egypt mourns victims of massacre

LUXOR, Egypt (AP) — With candles and roses, Verdi's "Tears of Anger" and traditional Arab songs, Egypt mourned Wednesday for the 58 foreign tourists killed in an attack by Muslim militants at the Temple of Hatshepsut last month.

In a state-sponsored message written by Nobel Prize-winning author Neguib Mahfouz, Egypt apologized for the massacre and promised to try and prevent such "destructive events" on its soil.

Wednesday's mourning ceremony at the 3,500-year-old temple, held after dark around its lighted columns, was also an attempt to restore Egypt's reputation as a safe tourist destination. Its tourism industry, a major source of revenue, has been devastated by the attack.

The assault "was a stab inflicted on the body of all the people of Egypt. The (Egyptian) people now wish to express to the world their deepest apologies and sincere condolences. ... Our people will not allow such destructive events," said Mahfouz's message, read by Egyptian actor Omar Sharif.

Sharif said the words were Mahfouz's "but the feelings (are) of every Egyptian."

Mahfouz, who turns 86 on Thursday, was stabbed by an Islamic radical three years ago and still cannot write with his right hand. Some of the 1988 Nobel laureate's works were condemned by Muslim militants.

Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, his wife Suzanne, Prime Minister Kamal Ganzouri and other government ministers attended the ceremony outside Luxor, 200 miles south of Cairo.

More than 2,000 people were invited to the service. Hundreds marched from Luxor, carrying banners that railed against terrorism.

Economists have estimated the Nov. 17 attack could mean a loss of up to $2 billion next year from the $3.5 billion that Egypt earns from tourism annually.

Its effect is glaring in Luxor, which depends almost totally on tourism. Luxury hotels are all but deserted, many restaurants have closed and the few tourists on the streets are bombarded by carriage drivers offering transport along the River Nile.

City banners read: "No, no, 1,000 times no to terrorism."

In Cairo, too, hotel occupancy rates have plummeted. One shop had a sign saying, "We are sorry for what happened in Luxor." It was signed "the people of Egypt."

At Wednesday's ceremony, candles and flowers lined the area of the Hatshepsut temple, where most victims died when six gunmen sprayed the temple with automatic rifles and savagely stabbed some victims. Four Egyptians nearby were also killed. The attackers themselves were killed by police.

The Cairo Opera orchestra played "Tears of Anger" from Verdi's "Requiem," and the Bulgarian National Choir sang. A troupe of Nubians from Egypt's south, wearing traditional white turbans and robes, beat drums in mourning.

Verdi's 1871 opera "Aida," set in Egypt, was performed at the Hatshepsut temple in October.

Asian countries warned against education cuts

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Asia's attempts to curb child labor could be hurt if governments slash education budgets during the current economic crisis, United Nations labor experts said Wednesday.

Officials of the International Labor Organization cautioned it was too early to tell the impact of the economic turmoil on child labor, but they predicted it likely would be serious.

"We think it is inevitable and we have to prepare to minimize this," Mitsuko Horiuchi, the labor organization's deputy secretary general, told The Associated Press during a conference with delegates from 36 Asian countries.

The labor organization will urge governments not to touch education funding when they cut state spending in exchange for international bailouts, Horiuchi said.

With a decline in education money, more children likely will be thrown into the labor market, especially during an economic crisis when poor families struggle to boost incomes.

Thailand and Indonesia, where children form a significant part of the work force, recently got rescue packages from the International Monetary Fund in exchange for agreeing to austerity measures.


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Land mine movement accepts Nobel Peace Prize

The Nobel prizes were endowed by Alfred Nobel, a Swede who hoped his invention, dynamite, would prove so powerful that it made war impossible. He watched in horror as it was incorporated in weapons and created a peace prize in hopes of preventing war.

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A global movement born of the terror and suffering caused by the world's minefields received the Nobel Peace Prize on Wednesday, accepted by an American activist and a Cambodian who lost both his legs to mines.

Tun Channareth, the stumps of his legs showing as he sat in a wheelchair, bowed after receiving the Nobel medal and diploma on behalf of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. Jody Williams, the campaign's coordinator, shared the prize.

Meanwhile, in a gala ceremony in Stockholm, 10 people received Nobel Prizes for literature, physics, chemistry, medicine and economics.

Williams and the ICBL shared the $1 million peace prize for six years of campaigning that resulted in 122 countries signing a treaty banning land mines last week.

It has been a stunning success for a movement that began with a sense of desperation. Activists who had worked with land mine victims grew so frustrated at the carnage that they decided to push for the seemingly impossible: a total ban on the devices.

With Williams organizing the effort, the ICBL grew into a global movement backed by more than 1,000 organizations and millions of people, including the late Princess Diana.

"This campaign was born out of the humanitarian work of the mine-clearer and those putting limbs back on victims," Williams said at the prize ceremony in City Hall, abandoning her prepared text because she said she wanted to speak from the heart.

An estimated 100 million land mines are buried worldwide, killing or maiming an estimated 26,000 people a year. About 80 percent of the victims are civilians.

When Williams arrived for the ceremony, about 2,000 Norwegian children were waiting outside, singing for her and holding candles, flags and banners.

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"It is a paradox that what we find inside land mines is Nobel's brilliant invention, dynamite," said Francis Sejersted, chairman of the five-man prize committee.

After Sejersted spoke, Channareth, a 37-year-old Cambodian activist who lost his legs to a land mine in 1982, rolled across the stage to accept the ICBL's award.

After accepting her own medal and diploma, Williams said much remains to be done, such as persuading 40 countries to ratify the treaty to make it binding and convincing holdouts — including the United States, Russia and China — to join.

At treaty negotiations in Oslo in September, the campaign pushed 89 countries to draft a pact calling for immediate elimination of the weapons. The United States walked out of the talks after it could not muster support for watering down the treaty.

Speaking for the ICBL, Rae McGrath, founder of the London-based Land Mine Advisory Group, said, "All those states who have failed to sign this treaty have failed humanity. They are intransigent and uncaring in the face of compelling humanitarian, economic and environmental evidence that anti-personnel mines should be banned."

The prizes, first awarded in 1901, are always presented on the Dec. 10 anniversary of Nobel's death. The peace prize is awarded in Oslo, and the others in Stockholm.

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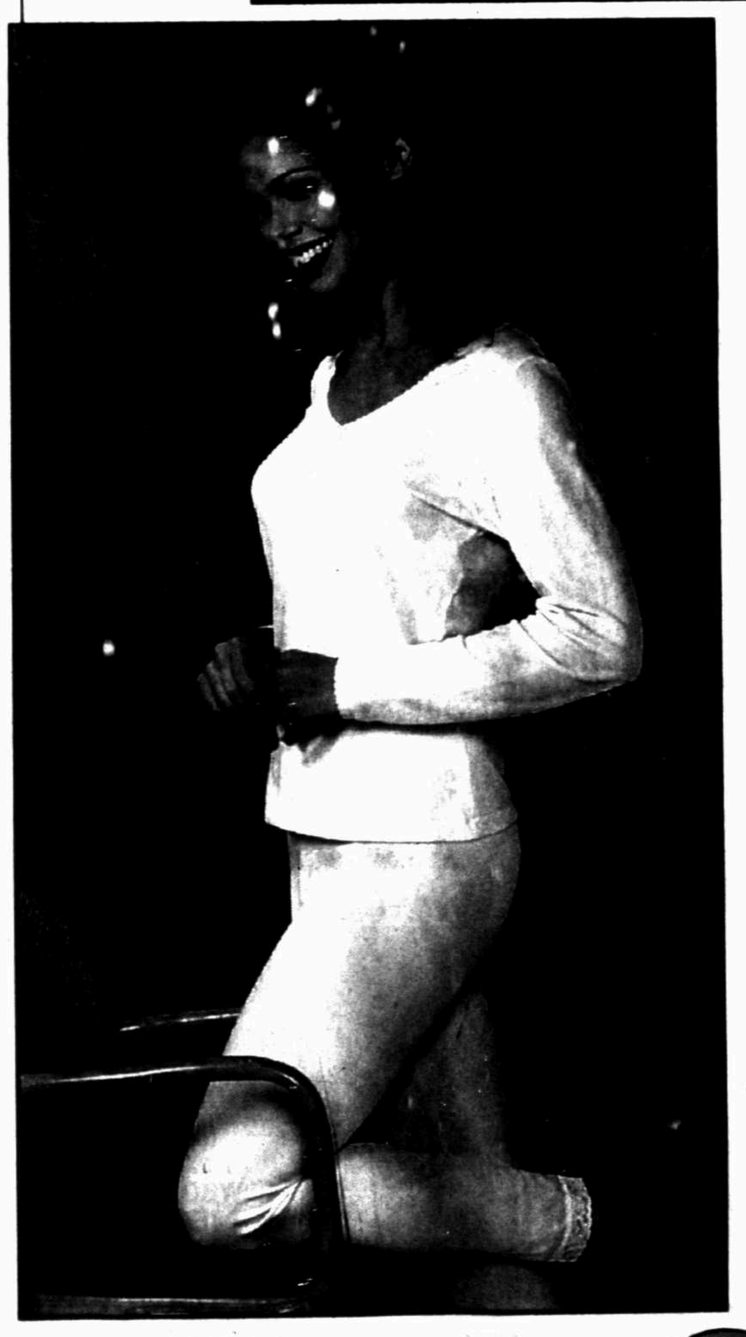
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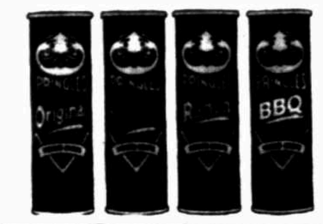
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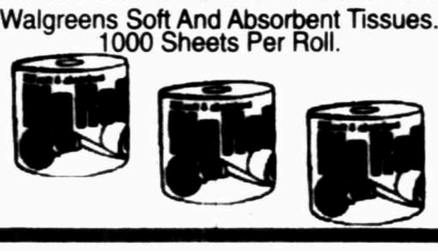
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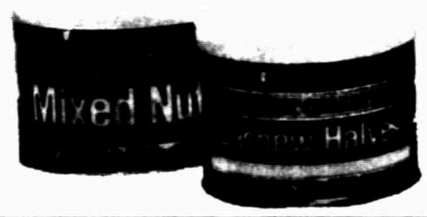
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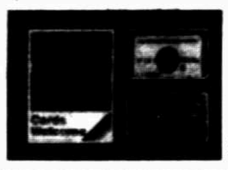
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Israel tries to block Palestinian census in Jerusalem

■ Israeli public security minister vows to block census-takers 'with all force necessary.'

Associated Press

JERUSALEM— A first-ever Palestinian census turned into a tug-of-war over Jerusalem on Wednesday, with Israel trying to push through legislation to block Yasser Arafat's census-takers from operating in the disputed city.

"There has been no census — and there will be no census — in Jerusalem," Public Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told lawmakers. Israel, he said, would block the census-takers "with all force necessary."

The government scrambled to complete all three parliamentary readings of the bill and get it passed by the end of the day. A first reading passed by a 35-22 vote.

While Palestinians welcome the census as a step toward their dream of an independent state, Israel fears allowing it in east Jerusalem would undermine Israel's claim of sovereignty over the whole city.

A reliable count of Palestinians in Jerusalem could also be a bargaining chip in future negotiations on the status of the city. An estimated 180,000 Palestinians live in east Jerusalem, captured by Israel in 1967 and claimed by the Palestinians as their future capital.

As Israel worked to bar the census in Jerusalem, thousands of Palestinian volunteers fanned out Wednesday across the West Bank and Gaza Strip to distribute census questionnaires.

"I am very happy to be alive to witness this," said Samira Kawaji, 72, a resident of the Shati refugee camp in Gaza, as she filled hers out. Her neighbor, 52-year-old teacher Jamil Yakoub, offered the census-takers sweets and coffee.

Streets were festooned with banners reading "The census is the first step in building Palestine."

Hassan Abu Libdeh, director of the Central Bureau of Statistics, said the first day of the census went smoothly. "People are very excited about it, and very happy," he said.

But Abu Libdeh was evasive about whether the census — which is supposed to be completed by Jan. 4 — was actually being conducted in east Jerusalem, but several Palestinian officials said it would also include the city.

Police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said a 23-year-old woman was detained by police while "in possession of census materials" within the Jerusalem city limits.

The proposed bill to block the census modifies an existing law on the peace accords to specifically bar activities that "do not respect the sovereignty" of Israel.

"I call on all the nation's representatives to vote for Jerusalem today to ensure the unity of the capital, Jerusalem," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at the start of the parliament debate. "It will not be the capital of another country."

The bill was formulated after Israel's attorney general said Tuesday there was no provision in the Israel-Palestinian agreements that would prevent a census in the city. Opposition leader Ehud Barak said he would support it.

The only time in the past that a bill was passed in one day was when the Parliament voted in 1981 to annex the Golan Heights.

Palestinians propose development plan

(AP) — Palestinians will ask international donors to fund a new three-year, $3.5 billion development plan to build roads, plant trees and create jobs, officials said Wednesday.

The plan will be proposed at a meeting in Paris on Sunday and Monday where representatives from 45 nations will decide whether to provide new aid to Yasser Arafat's struggling Palestinian Authority.

"What we intend to do is ask the donors to stay with us," said Mohammed Ishtayeh, head of the agency that coordinates aid, the Palestinian Economic Council for Redevelopment and Reconstruction.

A five-year international program to help ease the transition to self-rule expires in 1998. Pledges are sought for a long list of new projects for the 1998-2000 period.

Ishtayeh said donors had made good to date on only $1.4 billion of the $3.6 billion pledged over the 1993-1998 period, and he hoped the new program would step up the pace of development.

"There has been a long walk between pledges and commitments, and another long walk between commitments and disbursements," Ishtayeh said.


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Indictment brings Billie Sol back

Once the name Billie Sol Estes was as commonly heard in this part of the country as that of President Lyndon Baines Johnson. In fact, for a period of years during the 1960s Estes's name was heard quite regularly in connection with perceived influence he had in the Johnson White House.

But that was before Estes was indicted and convicted in 1965 for mail fraud and conspiracy to defraud.

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So, there was a definite feeling of deja vu when an Associated Press story earlier this week noted that the man who used to be referred to as the Texas "wheeler-dealer" was indicted by a Brown County grand jury on tax fraud charges involving a halfway house for ex-convicts and alcoholics.

According to the AP article, Estes who is formerly of Abilene and Pecos and an associate named Mei Kwong of Houston are accused of using an alcoholism treatment program as a non-profit corporate shell to evade state taxes on a motel and check-cashing agency they own.

Attorney James Norvell called the indictments "a trumped-up bunch of baloney" and "Gestapo crap." The indictments are nothing more than formal accusations of criminal conduct and it will be up to the prosecutors to prove their cases against Estes and Kwong.

But Billie Sol Estes is a well-known figure in the annals of Texas history who has long been known as a promoter of some less-than-above-board enterprises. In addition to his conviction in the 1965 case, Estes was convicted in 1979 of fraud and concealing assets. As a result, he spent more than a decade in federal prisons.

That's why more than a few Texans may have gotten that feeling of deja vu when they heard about the new indictments. Haven't we been here before?

ANOTHER VIEW

Gore's criticism may change movie habits

We liked the way that Vice President Al Gore gave the Clinton administration's staunch friends in the Hollywood movie community a well-deserved chiding recently.

Mr. Gore said — and quite correctly, we believe — that Hollywood is partly to blame for increased teenage smoking by depicting smoking as a glamorous or desirable habit.

He cited a study of movies released in 1996 that confirmed that 77 percent of the films depicted tobacco use. Most of them showed it in a positive or glamorous way.

Product placement, where businesses pay to have their products on screen, is responsible for a significant part of the tobacco use in movies and television.

Not coincidentally, smoking among teen-agers is on the rise. Between tobacco companies aiming marketing at teen-agers and actors and actresses promoting it as a cool pastime, more impressionable youngsters are lured into smoking.

Mr. Gore noted that moviegoers see actors and actresses smoking but "don't see the victim of lung cancer drowning in the fluid that builds up in their lungs." The vice president knows of what he speaks — his sister's smoking habit led to her lung cancer and eventual death.

The movie community reacted very positively to Mr. Gore's scolding and promised to change its ways. Representatives of the Screen Actors Guild, the Director's Guild and the Writer's Guild promised to change smoking's screen depiction.

We hope they will remain true to their word. Voluntary cooperation would mean things could change for the better with government regulation or censorship. Most important, it could help keep young people from taking up a deadly habit.

— Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

GEORGE WILL

Clinton, Gore practicing therapeutic government

WASHINGTON — Wielding two hypotheses, one about global warming and another about frozen racial attitudes, Bill Clinton and Al Gore are postulating crises to justify fresh bursts of therapeutic government.



Will

When The New Yorker's Joe Klein recently asked Gore why he is so interested in scientific abstractions, Gore replied, "People in Grand Forks, N.D., who had to move out of their homes because of the flooding don't think global climate change is such an abstraction anymore." Clearly he means that the flooding was caused by global warming.

This is unverifiable conjecture. However, it is convenient conjecture, if the aim is to extend government's reach deeper into Americans' lives.

Tim Wirth, currently undersecretary of state for global affairs, gave the game away nine years ago when he said, "Even if the theory of global warming is wrong, to have approached global warming as if it is real means energy conservation, so we will be doing the right thing anyway in terms of economic policy and environmental policy." Which is why global warming and global cooling hypotheses have been fungible as rationales for arguing that government must revise American consumption and industrial practices.

In the 1970s Americans were warned that "Earth may be headed for another ice age" (The New York Times) with "extensive Northern Hemisphere glaciation" and "a full-blown 10,000-year ice age" (Science magazine). "Brace Yourself for Another Ice Age" (Science Digest). There were "ominous signs" that "the Earth's climate seems to be cooling down," and "meteorologists are almost unanimous" that "the trend will reduce agricultural productivity" (Newsweek). Glaciers had "begun to advance" and armadillos were retreating south from Nebraska (The Christian Science Monitor).

Notify the armadillos to get with the new program. However, be it cooling or warming, the hypothesis hardly matters, if the hypothesizers' object is to maximize contemporary liberalism's defining sentiments — compassion (for the whole planet) and guilt. In the production of gases that allegedly cause warming, America is said to be the worst "offender," which presumably means that Bangladesh is an especially exemplary society.

Gore said in his book, "Earth in the Balance," that our civilization is a "dysfunctional family" and needs "wrenching transformation." Presumably government will be the wrencher, armed with what Gore calls new "central organizing principles."

It also will adjust America's racial attitudes, using "race-conscious remedies," meaning racial preferences and government-sponsored propaganda such as the president's national "conversation" about race. Proponents of the hypothesis that Americans need government-supervised attitude adjustments say: Proof of Americans' dysfunctional racial attitudes is their successful determination to disguise that dysfunction.

That is the lesson some people drew from the disappointing, to them, failure, as they saw it, of participants in Clinton's "town meeting" in Akron. Participants supposedly refused to be candid. Proof of their dissimulation was, presumably, the absence of anger and alarm. "Mr. Clinton," editorialized The New York Times, "was visibly frustrated that the participants were less open and candid than he had hoped. But full candor would be difficult, given the delicate nature of the subject."

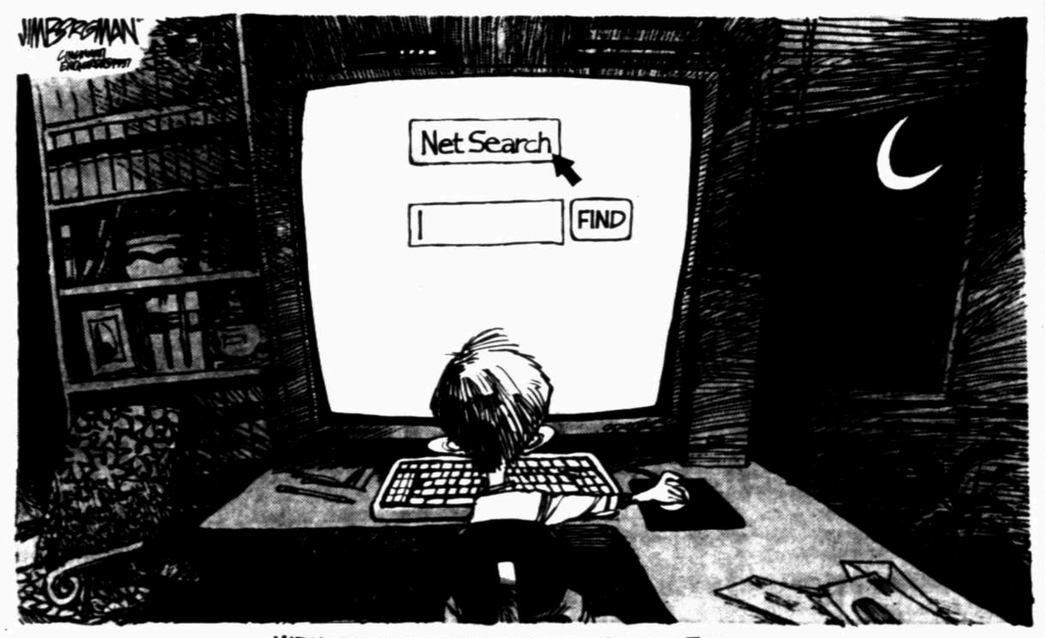
Unless the subject is decreasingly delicate for increasing numbers of Americans. Unless the frustration arises from the annoying difficulty of trying to cure the healthy. In fact, abundant data concerning attitudes about interracial recreation, education, employment and marriage indicate steady improvement in race relations.

However, proponents of therapeutic government have a huge stake in stigmatizing (as greedy, uncandid, etc.) the notions that the planet is not in peril and the nation is not obsessed with racial uneasiness. Regarding the planet's real resilience, remember all the natural resources that, 25 years ago, we were told would be scarcities by now? And regarding racial progress, consider this from James Patterson's "Grand Expectations," a volume in the Oxford History of the United States, dealing with 1945-1974:

When African ambassadors complained to President Kennedy about being refused service at restaurants on roads to Washington, Kennedy asked his chief of protocol, Angier Biddle Duke, "Can't you tell them not to do it?" When Duke began explaining the difficulty of reforming the restaurant managers, Kennedy interrupted: "That's not what I'm talking about. Can't you tell those African ambassadors not to drive on Route 40? ... Tell them to fly."

Advocates of therapeutic government have to grit their teeth and face the fact that regarding global warming, not enough is known about this hypothesized problem to justify their agenda. And regarding racial attitudes, things have been getting better remarkably rapidly and are more apt to go on doing so if government will give the subject the benefit of some benign neglect.

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MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL

ART BUCHWALD

'West Side Story' with modern twist

West Side Story was written at a time when rival teen gangs in New York City were at each other's throats.

Now the West Side is considered prime real estate, and you can't live there unless you are really upper crust.



Buchwald

Here's how I think the show could be rewritten:

The Ralph Lauren Blue Blazers led by Riff and the Tommy Hilfiger Sweatsuits led by Bernardo taunt each other as they move around their favorite discotheques.

Riff is going to get Tony to drive the Hilfiger gang off the Blue Blazer turf.

Tony arrives on the scene and meets Maria, who is returning from another debutante ball at the Pierre Hotel.

It's love at first sight.

Tony finds the Trump Tower penthouse where Maria lives, and as she steps out onto her balcony he climbs up the fire escape to serenade her.

At Doc's Armani clothes store Riff and Bernardo meet for a war council to discuss a rumble and dance at the Armory.

But Officer Krupke, dressed in the latest Calvin Klein ensemble, warns them not to cause any trouble on his beat.

When Tony finds Maria at the Gucci store they talk about their wedding, which Maria says she wants at the St. Regis with Oscar de la Renta designing her gown.

In front of the Lincoln Center the rumble is about to begin. Switchblades appear, and Riff is killed by Bernardo. Then Tony kills Maria's brother, Bernardo, and hires Johnnie Cochran and F. Lee Bailey to defend him.

Maria finds out that Tony killed Bernardo, and when Tony climbs up to see her at the Trump Tower she refuses to talk to him because she has a 10 o'clock appointment with her personal trainer.

The Blue Blazers regroup, and one of them, Chino, has a gun. Maria asks her friend Anita to tell Tony to meet them at Tiffany's in the diamond-ring department.

Instead, Anita tells Tony that Maria is dead. When Tony hears this he jumps into his Jaguar and shouts, "Come and get me, Chino."

Just as Tony sees Maria, Chino steps out of the Le Cirque 2000 restaurant and shoots Tony who dies in Maria's arms. His last words are, "What bad luck. We could have bought a house in Easthampton."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 11, the 345th day of 1997. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 11, 1946, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

On this date:

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. Louis was convicted and executed the following month.

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1872, America's first black governor took office as Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback became acting governor of Louisiana.

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1936, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

In 1937, Italy withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.

In 1961, a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon — the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.

In 1981, the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

In 1991, a jury in West Palm Beach, Fla., acquitted William Kennedy Smith of sexual assault and battery, rejecting the allegations of Patricia Bowman.

Ten years ago: NATO allies urged the U.S. Senate to ratify the intermediate-range missile treaty quickly and underscored their support by pledging to let the Soviet Union inspect missile bases in five European countries.

Five years ago: President-elect Clinton tapped Robert Reich to be labor secretary and Donna Shalala to be secretary of Health and Human Services. A severe storm pounded the upper Atlantic coast with snow, rain and high winds.

One year ago: A China-organized committee of 400 Hong Kong notables elected shipping tycoon Tung Chee-hwa to be the first post-colonial leader of Hong Kong.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn is 79.

CAL THOMAS

Emotions are focus of Clinton's recent racial discussions

If I were Colin Powell, I would be insulted that the president of the United States believed I became a general, an advisor to presidents and chairman of the Joint Chiefs due to the Army's affirmative action program instead of merit. Yet that is precisely what Bill Clinton suggested to author Abigail Thernstrom at a "town meeting" on race in Akron, Ohio, last week. Thernstrom had been added to the program following complaints that the audience was composed exclusively of those favoring affirmative action.



Thomas

The president, returning to his Oprah-Donahue role, continues to focus on the externals of race when he ought to be focusing on the internals of character, diligence, attitude, morality and personal integrity. When minorities and the majority attend to the internal things, the external things usually work out. For example, the successful shun crime, drugs and sexual activity that leads to fatherless kids and single motherhood.

If poor and minority children were allowed to go to the schools of their choice, their education would improve to the level where they could compete for college admission with everyone else. They wouldn't need a two-track admission system or remedial programs. Unfortunately, the education lobby and its political allies don't want to open themselves to competition because they would lose their political power, and they are willing to sacrifice even the future of children in order to maintain that power.

The president continues to emphasize feelings and attitudes rather than virtue and accomplishment. This line of thinking subordinates success to emotions. Ask those in poverty whether they would rather have a sympathetic president or a real job, an intact family and a future.

For their part, conservative whites are tired of hearing the whining and complaining. They will not be intimidated into continued spending on failed and discriminatory programs by stories about slavery and bigotry by others. Yes, blacks in luxury cars are sometimes wrongly stopped by the police. Yes, some store owners are wary of black customers. And yes, some blacks get greater scrutiny at the bank when cashing checks. These are all wrong and should be corrected.

When too much attention is focused on the bad, we get more that is bad. If we focused more on the good — from good black-white relations, successful minority individuals, responsible and loving minority families — we might get more that is good.

In 1930, multiracial novelist Jean Toomer wrote a letter to a friend in which he suggested that our tendency to label people might be the cause of our division: "My view of this country sees it composed of people who primarily are Americans, who secondarily are of various stocks or mixed stocks. The matter of descent, and of divisions presumably based on descents, has been given, in my opinion, due emphasis, indeed over-emphasis. I aim to stress the fact that we are all Americans. I do not see things in terms of Negro, Anglo-Saxon, Jewish and so on. As for me personally, I see myself an American, simply an American."

Toomer wished to "withdraw from all things which emphasize or tend to emphasize racial or cultural divisions. I must align myself with things which stress the experiences, forms and spirit we have in common." He sounds like actress Whoopi Goldberg, who says: "I'm not African-American. I'm an American."

Such attitudes might do more to heal racial divisions than the constant nagging, whining and "gimme" syndrome that engulfs the liberal and civil rights establishment. Our country isn't perfect, because people aren't perfect. But there's no greater land of opportunity on Earth. Let's stop the songs about overcoming and start overcoming. When that happens, real healing, and real progress, will follow.

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High court votes to narrow double-jeopardy protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court narrowed double-jeopardy protections Wednesday for people who face both civil fines and criminal prosecution for the same conduct.

The court said three Oklahoma men can be prosecuted in a bank failure case even though they already paid civil fines for their actions.

All nine justices agreed that prosecuting the three on charges of conspiracy and misusing bank funds would not violate their constitutional protection against double punishment for the same crime.

Five justices went further. In an opinion by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, they used the case to scale back a standard set in 1989 for deciding when civil and criminal penalties for the same conduct are unlawful.

"Only the clearest proof" will require a civil fine to be viewed as having the effect of criminal punishment, thereby triggering constitutional protection against double jeopardy, the court said.

"It's a very pro-government, anti-defendant ruling," said Arthur Mathews, a lawyer for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, which filed a friend-of-the-court brief supporting the Oklahoma men. "The danger is that you whack the defendant twice for the same illegal act."

But Utah Assistant Attorney General Marian Decker said the ruling will let governments impose fines to regulate conduct without fear of scuttling a possible criminal case.

"We need to do both, to prosecute criminally and administer civil fines," she said.

Utah is among about 40 states that urged the high court to reconsider the 1989 ruling. That unanimous decision said civil fines following criminal prosecution can violate double jeopardy if the fine is so disproportionate to the harm caused that it becomes a form of punishment.

Since then, the high court in 1994 barred states from forcing drug offenders to pay a tax in addition to their criminal penalties. But in 1996, the justices decided the government can prosecute people while simultaneously suing them to confiscate drug-connected property.

Rehnquist said the court decided to hear the Oklahoma case "because of concerns about the wide variety of novel double-jeopardy claims" following the 1989 ruling.

Among the cases the chief justice cited was the double-jeopardy challenge to New Jersey's "Megan's Law" requiring community notification of sex offenders' whereabouts.

In the Oklahoma case, John Hudson, Larry Baresel and Jack Rackley paid a total of $44,000 in federal fines in 1989 over the failure of two banks in Tipton and Hammon. Hudson was the majority owner of both banks, while Baresel was a member of each bank's board of directors and Rackley was president of the Tipton bank.

In 1992, all three men were charged with conspiracy, misusing bank funds and making false entries, based on the same conduct for which they were fined.

The men sought to have the charges dismissed on double-jeopardy grounds, but the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against them. A civil fine is not punishment when it bears a "rational relation to the goal of compensating the government for its loss," the court said, relying on the 1989 high court ruling.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the 10th Circuit court's decision. But eight of the justices said in separate opinions that the legal standard set by the 1989 ruling needed revision.

Rehnquist said the court was abandoning the 1989 ruling's emphasis on whether a fine was "grossly disproportionate" to the harm caused, as well as its emphasis on the sanction actually imposed.

Informant says McVeigh visited supremacists

Associated Press

DENVER — Terry Nichols' lawyers tried to shift blame to others in the Oklahoma City bombing plot, calling a federal informant Wednesday who said Timothy McVeigh visited a white supremacist compound before the blast.

Carol Howe, who infiltrated the group at the government's request, testified that she saw McVeigh with Andreas Strassmeier, a German who was head of security for the heavily fortified compound in Elohim City, Okla.

Ms. Howe contradicted Joan Millar, daughter of founder Robert Millar, who testified that Elohim City was a religious village made up of about 70 people who opposed violence and believed whites were the chosen people of God.

"Some of us may not be happy with what the government is doing, but there's not a mandate to go out and attack the government," Mrs. Millar said.

But Ms. Howe said she heard the group's leaders preach "that the federal government was an evil entity," adding that residents talked frequently about "destroying the government."

Ms. Howe, who was acquitted this summer on unrelated conspiracy and bomb threat charges, was barred from testifying at McVeigh's trial after U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch deemed what she would say to be irrelevant.

Ms. Howe's testimony was allowed in the Nichols trial, but restricted. According to her lawyer, the judge barred her from telling jurors she overheard white supremacist Dennis Mahon and Strassmeir discuss blowing up federal buildings before the bombing. Neither man was named as a suspect.



AP Photo

Oklahoma City bombing trial defendant Terry Nichols, left, and his wife, Marife are shown in an undated handout photo with their daughter Nicole. The photograph was entered as evidence on Tuesday by the defense.

"It will be another occasion before the public really is able to be informed about what she knew," said her attorney, Clark Brewster.

Ms. Howe said she believes she saw McVeigh at Elohim City in July 1994, near a church building. She said she later realized the man was McVeigh. Under cross-examination, Ms. Howe admitted she didn't tell the FBI initially that she had seen McVeigh at the compound.

Authorities have said Ms. Howe was dropped as an informant in March 1995 because of questions about her mental stability. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI briefly reactivated her after the bombing, but they said she provided no useful information and was dropped again.

Defense attorneys, who are expected to wrap up their case this week, also called FBI agent William Tobin, who acknowledged that a drill and drill bits found in Nichols' home were damaged by water while in FBI custody.

Tobin insisted the tips of the drill bits, including one linked through scratch marks to the burglary of Kansas quarry and the theft of explosives, were not corroded. But Tigar introduced FBI photos showing the shafts of the bits had corroded.

Before testimony began Wednesday, jurors were told to disregard testimony from a manufacturer who said the chemical formula used in barrels found in Nichols' garage was the same unique mix contained in plastic fragments recovered at the Oklahoma City bombing scene.

Matsch said Smurfit Plastics barrel designer Theodore Udell and FBI agent Jeff Hayes relied on hearsay for parts of their testimony because the information was obtained through phone calls to unidentified workers at other barrel makers.

'Some of us may not be happy with what the government is doing, but there's not a mandate to go out and attack the government.'

—Joan Millar, daughter of founder of religious village in Oklahoma

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Schizophrenia drug helps aggression related to Alzheimer's, study shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — A schizophrenia medicine is showing promise in treating some heartrending complications of Alzheimer's disease: the aggression and delusions that can lead patients to attack loved ones and nursing home workers.

A study of 625 patients in 40 U.S. nursing homes and hospitals found that low doses of the drug risperidone helped calm about a third of patients with Alzheimer's and similar dementia without the troubling side effects of standard treatment, scientists announced Wednesday.

Today, medication often is a last-ditch effort to deal with the problem, and it is prescribed only after the patient hits someone or becomes too fearful to leave bed or talk to others, said lead investigator Dr. Ira Katz of the University of Pennsylvania.

"With a safer agent, we can really begin more use of the medicine not just to keep the (nursing home) aide from being slugged, but to help the patient enjoy life more," said Katz, who presented his findings at a psychiatry meeting in Hawaii.

Janssen Pharmaceutica, which already sells risperidone for schizophrenia, funded the study. It plans to seek Food and Drug Administration approval next month to market it to dementia patients too.

One-third of Alzheimer's patients develop psychotic symptoms — aggression, delusions, hallucinations — in addition to the memory loss and confusion that characterize the incurable disease. Psychoses also are common in dementias caused by stroke. These behavioral problems are a leading reason dementia patients are put in nursing homes.

One study participant, 83-year-old stroke patient Jimmy Dunne, was so aggressive that his Queens, N.Y., nursing home complained almost daily to family members. Another drug merely sedated him, but risperidone restored a cheerful personality in his final months, said daughter Lorraine Fitzpatrick.

"He seemed happy. The nurses would play some songs and he would actually tap his feet," she said. "I honestly felt that had he not been on it, he would have been just an angry, horrible person until the day he died."

Risperidone's effect was not huge: 36 percent of study patients who took 1 milligram a day had a 60 percent improvement in psychotic symptoms. But 22 percent of patients who took a dummy pill also improved that much.

These symptoms tend to wax and wane, explaining part of the high placebo effect, said Dr. Peter Whitehouse of the University Hospitals of Cleveland, who reviewed the study for Janssen. All study participants also received special psychological care that doctors already knew can help sufferers in nursing homes.

But Katz said risperidone's advantage is that it helps a significant number of patients while causing none of the extreme sedation and rigid muscles — Parkinson's disease-like symptoms — of standard treatments.

"This medicine is useful," agreed Dr. Barry Reisberg, a well-known Alzheimer's expert, saying the study provides long-needed information to doctors who now prescribe psychiatric drugs "haphazardly."

He urged doctors to try psychological therapy before prescribing any drugs.

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Clinton tours South Bronx

NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty years ago, the South Bronx was branded America's worst slum. On Wednesday, President Clinton toured the same neighborhood — now filled with well-kept homes — and proclaimed it a model for the rest of the nation.

"Look at where the Bronx was when President Carter came here in despair," Clinton said. "Look at where the Bronx was when President Reagan came here and compared it to London in the Blitz. And look at the Bronx today."

After a morning visit to the rehabilitated South Bronx, Clinton dashed around town for a deli luncheon and a chaotic Christmas shopping spree that netted $400 in jewelry.

He also was the star attraction for two Democratic fund-raisers expected to raise more than $1.5 million. Clinton planned to use the occasion to promote his embattled nomination of Bill Lann Lee as the nation's civil rights chief.

On a cold day of rain and snow, Clinton's travels brought gridlock to downtown Manhattan as streets were cleared for his limousine. Thousands of people stood behind police barricades for a glimpse of the president.

Clinton visited the Charlotte Gardens neighborhood, where rubble-strewn streets and rat-infested ruins have been replaced by 89 single-family ranch houses with aluminum siding, well-kept lawns, some with backyard decks and barbecue grills.

He credited community leaders and government and private efforts for the startling recovery that began in the mid-1980s. He said tax incentives and urban policies he has championed have helped to promote continued urban improvement.

"The goal is to have everybody living in a place like this place," the president said in a speech at a neighborhood boys and girls club.

Saying an urban renaissance is under way across America, Clinton declared, "If you can do it, everyone else can do it."

Working-class families bought South Bronx homes in the 1980s at subsidized prices between $50,000 and $60,000. Today, most homes sell for about $180,000.

Paul Grogan, a leader of the campaign to draw private investment to the South Bronx, credited Republican Mayor Rudolph Giuliani with creating "the perception and reality of public safety" in New York.

Clinton, without mentioning the mayor, picked up on that theme. "We can't get investments into places that people don't think are safe," the president said. "You cannot get people to invest money if people don't think it's safe."

Carter walked the same Charlotte Street neighborhood in 1977, then littered with broken bottles and trash, and promised to seek ways to clean it up. Reagan came in his 1980 presidential campaign

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BASIN BRIEFING

Fire update

State and county authorities have ruled that a fire that destroyed Dr. Sylvan Bartlett's home Monday afternoon was the product of an "undetermined cause." Bartlett's home is located in a rural subdivision two miles from the Midland Independent School District's division of transportation. The fire was reported shortly after noon. Midland County Fire Marshall Dale Little said that he and Richard Beals — investigator with the state fire marshal's office — agreed to not list a probable cause and have turned the investigation over to insurance investigators. "The insurance investigator is here also and will be taking parts and pieces of the electrical system to look at further," he said. Investigating the cause of the fire was a joint effort of Midland County, the Midland Fire Department and the State Fire Marshall's Office.

Homicide report

ODESSA — Police are awaiting autopsy results from a Lubbock medical examiner to release the identity of a man found inside the trunk of a late-model car Tuesday night. The car was parked in an alley behind a small apartment complex in the 1500 block of East Fifth Street, officials said. Residents who spotted the car found a set of keys in the ignition, searched the car and found the naked body inside the trunk. Police were notified at around 5 p.m. For now, police are classifying the death as a homicide, although they said the body did not have any obvious stab or gunshot wounds. Police said the body was that of a black male in his early 20s. Meanwhile, police said they would not disclose the owner of the car until the autopsy reports are received. A report from the examiners are expected to arrive this afternoon.

'Wonderful Life'

The movie "It's a Wonderful Life" is to be shown 7 p.m. today at Hollywood Theater on Loop 250 as a fund-raiser for Midland Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are $5 a person. Wassail and gingerbread are to be served beginning 6:15 p.m. For more information, call Gail Essex at 686-8877.

A Cappella Chorus

The Permian Basin Men's A Cappella Chorus and the local Sweet Adeline chapter are to present a Christmas concert 3 p.m. Sunday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The concert is free to the public. For more information call 685-1831 or 520-9930.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape, Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m., 687-7286.

LOOPS, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 550-LOOP.

Hearts Alive, 7 p.m., medical staff room at Memorial Hospital, 6843745.

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6: 30-9: 00 p.m., 689-8428 or 520-0277.

Toastmasters, Permian Club, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

Novice duplicate bridge, Allison Bridge Center, 7 p.m., 682-4461

East Side Lions, 8 p.m., Los Enriquez, 1401B N. Lamesa Road.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe

Bereavement Support group, 7 p.m., Hospice of Odessa, Texas Commerce Bank, fourth floor, 332-1431, 332-0991.

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Defendant in drive-by shooting gets five-year sentence

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

U.S. District Judge Royal Furgeson on Wednesday handed down a five-year prison sentence to a Midland man who used a sawed-off shotgun during a May drive-by shooting, officials said. Steven Beach is last of five defendants sentenced in connection with the incident.

Beach pleaded guilty in September to federal charges of conspiracy to possess an illegal weapon. The charges stem from a May 8 drive-by shooting at 3214 Mariana Ave.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Glenn Roque Jackson, Beach was one of five suspects who was involved in the incident, which did not result in any injuries.

"The five individuals got in the car .... but (another suspect) was identified as the shooter," Jackson said. "Beach said that he tried to fire a weapon ... but he wasn't successful."

The sentence, Jackson said, is the maximum allowed under the federal law. He explained there is no early release or parole in federal prisons, and added that Beach will have to serve his full sentence.

Authorities recovered three weapons from the getaway vehicle — a 12-gauge shotgun with a barrel cut to 14 1/2 inches, a .410-gauge shotgun with a 12 1/2-inch barrel and an .22-caliber handgun.

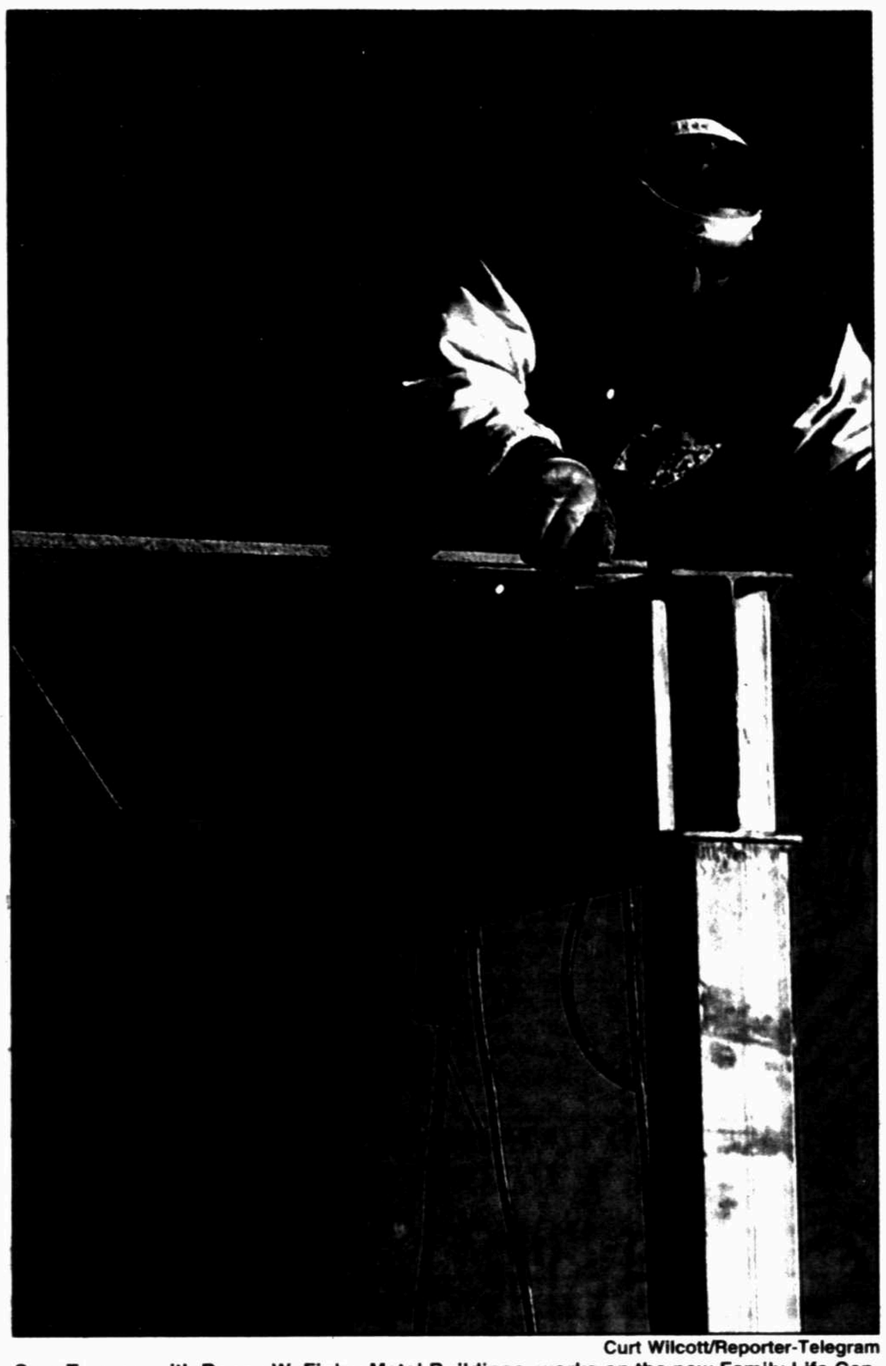
Jackson said the case was taken by the Midland U.S. Attorney's Office because tampering with the length of a shotgun barrel is in violation of federal law. Officials with the Midland Police Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Midland County District Attorney's Office were also involved in the investigation.

Beach was also subject to state prosecution in connection with the same drive-by, said Assistant District Attorney Robin Sams. On Sept. 18, Beach was sentenced to two years in state jail on felony charges of engaging in organized criminal activity. Beach has also been convicted of misdemeanor criminal mischief and convicted of felony possession of a counterfeit instrument — in this case, a falsified U.S. Army identification card.

Meanwhile, the following defendants all pleaded guilty to the same charge: Jason McClelland, 21, who pleaded guilty on Aug. 28 and was sentenced on Nov. 5 to 40 months; Carlos Bautista, 19, who pleaded guilty on Aug. 19 and sentenced on Nov. 24 to 39 months; and John Hooser, 18, who pleaded guilty on Sept. 9 and was sentenced on Nov. 24 to 33 months.

The fourth defendant, Steve Weber, 22, received a five-year probation sentence on Nov. 4.

HIGH ANXIETY



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram
Cruz Tararez, with Ronny W. Finley Metal Buildings, works on the new Family Life Center of the First Presbyterian Church on Illinois Avenue.

Victim testifies in sex-assault penalty phase

By Gary Shanks and Alice Ashmore
Staff Writers

The victim testified Wednesday in the punishment phase of the trial of a former gymnastics teacher, who on Monday pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child

In the 238th District Court, Gary Seth, 43, listened as the victim, now 20, testified that at age 10, she was molested when sleeping over at Seth's Midland apartment on Aug. 1, 1987.

The victim was injured in 1994 in a one-vehicle accident that left her with a severe brain injury. She reported the assault April 1996.

The girl's mother, Shirley Guest, testified that the impact was so severe that the girl was ejected from the driver's seat through the rear window of the sports utility vehicle and was found by paramedics in a pasture.

She describes her daughter's personality after the accident as "very child-like." Her mother testified that before the accident the girl was an honors student, a cheerleader and active in sports. "She was in the running for valedictorian."

In previous testimony, Dr. Terry Shaw told jurors that the injury severely damaged the brain stem and cerebellum and left the girl "disinhibited."

"She is apt to say whatever comes to mind," Shaw said. "She can be brutally honest even when it is not to her advantage."

Although her daughter is unable to live without assistance, Mrs. Guest said her daughter is unaware of the extent of her impairment and has a happy disposition.

"There has been only one time when she actually shed tears." Mrs. Guest said her daughter cried when she told her about the assault by Seth.

The family moved to Oklahoma after the victim's parents were divorced. The mother, who has since remarried, testified that she needed to leave Midland with her family. "I felt like I had a problem that I did not know how to keep from happening." When prosecutor Scott Stephenson asked her to elaborate, she said, "I came to the conclusion that Gary was in love with my daughter."

From the stand, the victim identified Seth as the man who molested her and described the incident as more severe even than the two-count indictment to which Seth pleaded guilty.

The victim's tendency to blurt whatever came to mind caused difficulties during the testimony.

Defense attorney Woody Leverett was cut off when he asked, "Did you think of Gary as ..."

"Nerd," the defendant said.

"What?," Leverett asked.

"Nerd," she said.

"Ah ... Did you think of him as more than a coach?"

"No," she said.

The witness described the incident using basic and earthy terms. She said that Seth not only penetrated her with his fingers — as he admits — but had sexual intercourse with her.

Leverett attempted to show, through cross-examination, the victim's tendency to embellish stories that the defense contends may have caused her to confuse the facts of Seth's assault with later consensual sex with several high school boys.

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Ballard announces new campaign for seat on state education board

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midlander Donna Ballard on Wednesday formally announced her intent to serve again on the State Board of Education and kicked off her campaign in the District 1 race.

Ms. Ballard, a Republican, represented District 8 when she lived in The Woodlands near Houston. She resigned her District 8 seat when she moved to Midland in October.

In a press conference at the Midland County Public Library, Ms. Ballard said she's ready to return to politics to fight for rigorous education for Texas students.

Ms. Ballard will challenge incumbent Democrat Rene Nunez in the race for District 1. The district includes Midland, El Paso and other regions of West Texas.

"Our concerns over education are bipartisan," she told the audience. "We all love our children and care about their future."

Nunez could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The state board of education is a 15-member elected body that implements state legislation on public school curriculum and testing and also creates state-approved textbook lists.

Ms. Ballard lashed out at "Austin bureaucrats" and said the state is watering down standards with the TAAS test and has moved away from teaching phonics.

"Nobody ever said it's not important to read, but it's how we teach (reading) that's important," she said.

Ms. Ballard said that currently too many schools rely on memorization of words that doesn't pay off in reading beyond the fourth-grade level.

She also said she'll continue to oppose a state plan to require teachers to renew their teacher certification.

"During my term on the board I consistently stood for teachers," she said. "The state of Texas made a covenant with (them) to give lifetime certificates."

Ms. Ballard said that she differs with the state board on the recently approved state curriculum rewrite. The rewrite, according to proponents, cleaned up vague legal language.

"First of all, the subjects were replete with work force comparisons, taking up a lot of space (instead of) all the basics," she said.

She said she took plenty of firm stands on her last term on the board, including opposing a move to integrate a required seventh-grade Texas history course with other social studies material.

"I was the one who led the fight to retain Texas history," she said. "They did not want to teach Texas history anymore. I stood up on the board and said 'I dare any of you to vote for this and go out on the stump and defend yourselves.'"

Ms. Ballard was elected to District 8 in 1994 with the backing of conservatives. While serving, she was labeled the leader of a six-member group of conservative Republicans. The other three Republicans regularly voted with the six Democrats.

She and her husband, Mark Ballard, pastor at Living Way Foursquare Church, are the parents of four grown children: Aaron, Jon, Annalee and Elizabeth.



'Our concerns over education are bipartisan.'
— Donna Ballard

Producers, consumers each play role in assuring food is safe

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

This summer's recall by Hudson Foods of 25 million pounds of ground beef that may have been contaminated with E. coli bacteria and reports of schoolchildren sickened by contaminated raspberries have raised concerns about food safety.



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While a number of consumers say safe food is the producer's responsibility, producers say it is up to consumers to prepare the food safely.

In response, the Texas Beef Council is working to increase awareness of the issue by developing the "Circle of Food Safety," which incorporates both producers and consumers.

Wayne Morgan, beef quality manager with the council, said the circle begins with the farmers and ranchers who raise the crops and animals. He said farmers and ranchers must produce wholesome products through on-farm practices and new processing technologies.

One new technology just approved for use on a wide range of beef products is irradiation, which has caused some concern among consumers.

"There is no doubt about the safety or effectiveness of irradiation," Morgan said. "From a scientific point of view, it's completely safe. The technique has been around since the 1950s and has been used for years on dry spices and has been approved for use items like potatoes, wheat, poultry and pork."

Next in the chain are the food processors, packers and distributors, who use the process control system — Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) to identify and prevent hazards in food production before they occur and correct problems as soon as they are detected.

The processors, packers and distributors send the food products to retailers, food service operators and exporters who must keep clean the food storage areas, food items and any surfaces the food contacts. They must store the food at proper temperatures and move the products through their facilities in the appropriate period of time.

The final link in the chain is the consumer, who is responsible for carefully selecting restaurants and food items and handle, prepare and serve the food properly, he said.

While the beef industry has invested millions in research and technology, consumers can do their share to ensure food safety, according to Lisa Forst Williams, communications manager for the council.

"Generation Xers, who primarily use the microwave, perhaps haven't learned to cook as they should," she said. "Too, in our time-oriented society, we want everything fast and may rush our cooking."

The goal is to control the harmful bacteria, Morgan said.

In preparing food, consumers should remember the "Three C's": Cleanliness, cooking and coldness, he said.

Morgan said everything that touches the food — from hands to preparation surfaces, utensils and platters — should be clean. And cross-contamination should be avoided by using separate surfaces and tools for all ingredients.

"Outdoor grilling in Texas is very popular," observed Morgan. "How many times have you seen someone carry out a platter of steaks, toss them on the grill and, when they're done, put them on the same platter? That's a no-no. Never put cooked food on the same surface raw food has been (on) without cleaning it first."

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POLICE REPORTS

Assault arrest

Police on Tuesday arrested a Midland teen on a warrant charging him with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony.

Sammy Castro, 17, was taken to the Midland County Detention Center, where he remained on Wednesday.

Castro's charges stem from a fight that occurred in the 300 block of East New York Avenue on Nov. 22. According to police reports, Castro — who was armed with brass knuckles — allegedly punched a 16-year-old male in the face. The incident occurred during predawn hours, officials said.

Castro was arrested at 109 W. Pennsylvania Ave. at 12:09 a.m. Tuesday.

Fatal accident

ODESSA — An Odessa High School student died late Tuesday after he was ejected from the front window of a vehicle during a one-vehicle rollover at the intersection of Loop 338 and Interstate Highway 20, Texas Department of Public Safety officials said.

Seventeen-year-old Paulino San Miguel was identified as the driver of the vehicle. San Miguel failed to control his speed when driving southbound on a curve, according to DPS reports. The young man lost control of his vehicle, causing it to roll over 1 and 1/4 times. Officials said he was not wearing a seat belt.

San Miguel was pronounced dead at the scene by Ector County Medical Examiner B. J. White. His body was taken to the Odessa Medical Center morgue.

His brother, 29-year-old John San Miguel, sustained minor injuries in the incident, but refused treatment. John San Miguel was wearing a seat belt, DPS officials said.

The case remained under investigation as of Wednesday.

Midland Police Department Tuesday

Theft: A cordless telephone was taken from the Courtyard Care Center at 3203 Sage Lane. It was reported at 3 p.m.

Theft: A purse was taken from a shopping center at 4517 N. Midland Drive. Cassandra Gonzalez reported it at 6:40 p.m.

Criminal mischief: A group of young boys committed criminal mischief at 101 E. Pine Ave. Beatriz Diaz reported it at 8 p.m.

Burglary of a habitation: G. W. Wilson reported a residential break-in from 4606 Aspen Lane. It was reported at 1:09 a.m.

Theft: A shoplifter was arrested at 4511 N. Midkiff Road at 1:30 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office Tuesday

Shots fired: Shots were heard from 1910 Cloverdale Road. Rafael Solis reported it at 10:04 p.m.

Wednesday

Theft: A Friend's Convenience Store clerk told authorities that four 18-packs of beer were stolen from 13220 W. U.S. Highway 80. It was reported it at 12:36 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

SAFETY: Meat should be cooked until inside reaches 160 degrees

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Food, especially beef and poultry, should be cooked properly. Morgan recommended using a meat thermometer. Ground beef should be cooked until the internal temperature is 160 degrees, juices run gray and there are no inner areas that are pink or red. Steaks and roasts should be cooked to at least 145 degrees. Proper cooking is especially important in food to be served to children or those who are ill or elderly.

Foods should be refrigerated promptly after shopping and cooked leftovers should be refrigerated within an hour of cooking.

"Food-borne illnesses are rare, yet we all need to assume there is a chance of harmful bacteria on all food products," Ms. Williams.

Hance endorses Williamson for GOP attorney general nomination

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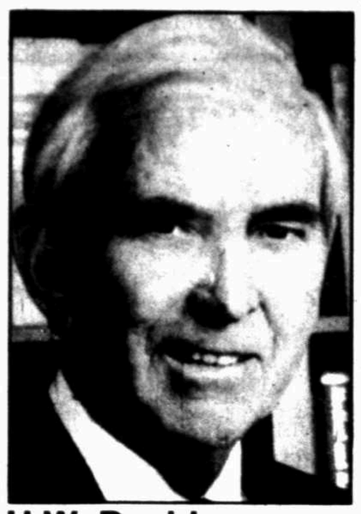
Former Texas Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance on Wednesday endorsed Barry Williamson for the Republican nomination for state attorney general.

"Barry Williamson has been the taxpayers' advocate at the Railroad Commission, having reduced the budget and cut the bureaucracy," said Hance, a former congressman. "The attorney general's office needs a proven conservative who will take his experience to work in the fight against juvenile gang crime and illegal drug activities."

Among those who have endorsed Williamson are former Gov. Bill Clements.

"I have received strong support all over the state because Texans know I am uniquely qualified to run the attorney general's office," said Williamson, a former head of the TRC. "I have managed large legal staffs and run a major state agency, while responding to the people's mandate for smaller, more effective government."

OBITUARIES



H.W. Davidson

H.W. "Hy" Davidson was born September 10, 1910, in Moore, Texas, to Willis Henry and Katie Thompson Davidson. He was reared in San Marcos, Texas, graduating from San Marcos Baptist Academy in 1929. He attended Texas A&M University, graduating in 1935. Mr. Davidson married Elizabeth Winn, January 19, 1944. They moved to Midland in 1952. He was a 50-year-member and deacon of First Presbyterian Church. He served on the executive committee of the Petroleum Museum, board of governors of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Hospital and was chairman emeritus of Davidson Family Charitable Foundation at the time of his death.

Mr. Davidson was preceded in death by his grandson, Christopher Davidson in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Davidson of Midland, Texas; his son, Steve Davidson and his wife, Jan, of Irving, Texas; his daughter, Susan Davidson McClenahan and her husband, Barry, of San Antonio, Texas; his grandchildren, Catherine Elizabeth McClenahan of Boston, Massachusetts, Cristin McClenahan Swoboda and Kevin Brian McClenahan, both of San Antonio, Texas, and Katie Winn Davidson of Irving, Texas.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 9, at his home in Midland.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jerry Hilton officiating. Interment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Greg Bartha, Roy Corley, Frank Cowden Jr., Hyle Doss, Porter Farrell III, Harvey Herd, Norm Raman and John Younger.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland Inc. P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79701 or Permian Basin Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 3389, Midland, Texas 79702 or Christopher Davidson Memorial Opportunity Park, M.A.R.C., 2701 N. A St. Midland, Texas 79705.

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There is no charge for death notices of residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Emma Beard

Emma Louise Beard was born July 9, 1913, in Lytton Springs, Texas, to Claude and Emma Campbell. She graduated from Littlefield High School and then attended Texas Tech University. She was a member of the first graduating class of 1933, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. Louise went on to teach in Lubbock, Seminole and Midland. She married William Beard, November 22, 1945, in Seminole, Texas. They moved to Midland in 1957. Mrs. Beard has been a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church since 1957; Life member of Texas Parent Teacher Association; demitted member of Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile (Masonic Orders); former member of Delta Kappa Gamma, American Association of University Women and Ranchland Hills Ladies Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Beard, September 11, 1991.

She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Louise Anderson of Plano, Texas; her son, Bill Beard of Cincinnati, Ohio; two grandchildren, Leslie Tom Anderson and Bridgette Beard.

Mrs. Beard died Monday, Dec. 8, 1997, in Plano.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Steve Holston officiating.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland Inc., P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79701 or American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705.

DEATH NOTICES

Lee DeBruce

CARLSBAD, N.M.—Lee Ella DeBruce, 86, mother of Midlander Vicki Galyon, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, in Carlsbad, N.M.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Denton-Fuchess Funeral Home Chapel in Carlsbad with Anthony Bryant officiating. Burial is to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Carlsbad under the direction of Denton-Fuchess Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 13, 1911, in Como.

She had been a member of Fox and Lake Church of Christ and was a charter member of Sunset Church of Christ. She was a homemaker. She moved to Carlsbad in 1949.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband, J.T. "Thurman" DeBruce of Carlsbad, N.M.; another daughter, Linda Brookover of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Sarah Jo McCormack of Edmond, Okla.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be directed to Lakeview Christian Home of the Southwest, Inc., 1300 N. Canal St., Carlsbad, N.M. 88220.

Phyllis Parsley

HEMET, Calif.—Phyllis Joan Parsley, 79, mother of Midlander Robert Parsley, died Monday, Dec. 8, at his residence in Hemet, Calif.

There will not be any services. Arrangements were under the direction of Miller-Jones Mortuary in Hemet.

She was born April 19, 1918, in Buffalo, N.Y.

She was a keypunch operator in L.A. County.

Other survivors include a daughter, Joan Parsley of San Diego, Calif.; another son, Gilbert Parsley of Fallbrook, Calif.; a sister, Petrina Basile of Tulsa, Okla.; and five grandchildren.

Loyd Coffman

LAMESA—Loyd Coffman, 77, of Lamesa, died Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Services are to be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at Lamesa Church of Christ under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Francis Waters

Francis Waters died Wednesday, Dec. 10, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Clara Menefield

Clara Nell Menefield, 48, of Midland, died Saturday, Dec. 6, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Jackie-Warren Funeral Home.

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Some foreign extraditions delayed, denied over death penalty

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After a mother of young quadruplets was shot to death in Florida, the investigation into her murder quickly turned to a former Texas high school football player.

Jose Luis Del Toro, named as the top suspect in the killing of Sheila Bellush, first was thought to be in Austin, where he'd been serving a jail sentence on weekends and where police found the alleged murder weapon.

Then Del Toro was sought in Eagle Pass, a remote spot on the Texas-Mexico border. Next, he was said to be brazenly walking the streets of Piedras Negras, Mexico, just across the narrow Rio Grande and beyond the grasp of U.S. law officers.

Days later, Mexican police — tipped by the Texas Rangers — arrested Del Toro further south in Monterrey, Mexico.

American investigators were relieved Del Toro had been captured. But any plans prosecutors had to seek the death penalty may have to be shelved.

Like many other nations, Mexico opposes capital punishment and has pledged not to return Del Toro to face trial in Florida unless it receives assurances he won't face execution if convicted.

It is a familiar scenario that frustrates American prosecutors.

"It's extremely tough," said Dan Hagood, a Dallas lawyer who prosecuted Joy Davis Aylor. She received a life sentence in 1994 for arranging the murder of her husband's mistress.

France, where Ms. Aylor had fled four years earlier, refused to extradite her until Texas promised not to execute her.

One of the most difficult aspects of the more than two-year extradition process, Hagood said, was working through the court system of a foreign government. It also wasn't easy getting French officials to believe that Ms. Aylor's life would be spared, he said.

"It was a dickens of a time convincing them — like we were going to trick them or something," Hagood said.

In Mexico City, Del Toro, 21, awaits his fate while Mexican and American authorities work out his extradition.

Alfredo Padilla of Carrizo Springs, an attorney for Del Toro, wouldn't say his client put himself in a favorable position by fleeing to Mexico.

But it appears that decision could end up saving his life.

"I don't think 'fortunate' is the correct word," Padilla said. "But now that he's there, the extradition process is the process that we have to go through."

TRIAL: Prosecutors attack incongruities

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tions of the victim, presented as evidence in the trial, Leverett pointed to incongruities in her testimony over time.

"Why didn't you tell them (attorneys taking an earlier deposition) that Gary put his penis in you?" he said.

"I wanted to tell my mom first."

Leverett then asked why she did not tell her mother about that fact when she reported the assault to her mother originally.

"That's a good question. I don't know why," she said.

Stephenson asked the victim what punishment she would like for Seth.

"He should be in prison for the rest of his life," she said.

"Why?" Stephenson asked.

"Well, I wouldn't want him loose," she said. "I hate him," she added.

"Why do you hate him?" Stephenson asked.

"Because he's so ugly ... and because of what he did to me," she said.

When asked why they left Midland for Oklahoma after the divorce, the victim testified that it was to get away from Seth. "Mom didn't want him to rape me. Little did she know, it had already happened," she said.

With the prosecution resting its case against Seth in the punishment phase of this trial, Leverett began seating witnesses testifying in Seth's behalf.

The first of these was Dianna Eccleston, 27, a communications professional in San Antonio.

Ms. Eccleston testified that she trained under Seth for eight years and taught gymnastics with him for some years after that. During her career as a gymnast, she won several state-level events.

Ms. Eccleston testified that during her association with Seth she had never been touched or seen Seth treat any student in any way that could be construed as inappropriate.

"And I was the team leader, in some respects, and people would have come to me if they had a problem," she said.

She said she had been shocked after reading the indictment to which Seth had pleaded guilty, but said she believed it to be an isolated incident and that she would not be afraid for Seth to associate with her young niece.

"I still love him. Without his guidance, I would have been somebody else," she said.

Juli Rhoden, a radio reporter in Houston, testified that she studied gymnastics under Seth from the time she was 8 years old until she was 14.

"Did you ever receive a touch that you thought was inappropriate or had a sexual connotation to it," Leverett asked.

"No sir," she said.

"He cared about us. He cared about, not just some of the girls, but all of us," she said.

Two longtime friends of Seth testified about his character during their long association, which began in high school in the early 1970s.

Both Cathy and Randy Shannon testified about their long friendship with Seth and their two daughters' enjoyment of learning gymnastics from him. Ms. Shannon said she still trusted the defendant and would not hesitate to have him near their children.

Shannon testified that the victim and her mother did not leave Midland because of Seth, but because of the divorce. "Shirley had family in that area (Oklahoma), but the kids didn't want to go," he said.

"He's a terrific person," Shannon said, testifying that he had been on fishing trips and vacations in the mountains with Seth. The news of Seth's crime was surprising, he said.

"It shocked me when I read it (the indictment). I just didn't think it could happen," Shannon said.

Under cross-examination by Stephenson, Shannon was asked if, knowing what he does now, he would be uncomfortable leaving his daughters with Seth.

After thinking for some time, Shannon replied, "I might."

Testimony for the defendant will continue today as the seven-man, five-woman jury prepares to determine Seth's sentence.

The range of punishment for aggravated sexual assault of a child is five to 99 years in prison. The charge of indecency with a child carries punishment of two to 20 years in prison. Each count can also carry up to a $10,000 fine.

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Slapping accusations against mothers stir debate

BRIGHTON, Mich. (AP) — Nearly 30 years after being slapped by her mother, Erica Miller finds the memory still stings.

But she thinks her mother was right.

"When I was 13, I swore at my mother and she knocked me right on my fanny," said Ms. Miller, now 42 with four daughters. "Right away, I knew I had it coming, and she never had to hit me again.

"For some kids, sometimes you have to do something really dramatic to get their attention."

The spare-the-rod, spoil-the-child debate has been stoked by the recent arrests of two Michigan mothers for slapping their wayward daughters. One was convicted last month and put on probation; the other goes on trial Friday.

Prosecutors say both mothers went too far. But some parents say the cases reflect the tightrope parents must walk: Touch your child and risk abuse charges; spare the discipline and risk being jailed for neglect.

"I think it's a scary thing," said Ms. Miller, who works in a health food store in Brighton. She said she has never slapped her daughters.

In Michigan and all but one state, laws permit parents to use "reasonable" force against their children. The exception: Minnesota, where any pain-inflicting discipline is outlawed.

Of course, most routine acts of corporal punishment don't get prosecuted. "If they did, a lot of prosecutors would be defeated in the next election," said Victor Vieth, an attorney for the National Center for Child Abuse and Neglect.

The two Michigan cases, coming so close together, have parents such as Dave Van Tigt asking: "How do you know what's right?"

"I'm not saying you have to beat the kid to a pulp, but they should have to respect the rules of the home," said Van Tigt, the father of two young daughters ages 1 and 3 and owner of a Brighton shoe repair shop. "When that Novi case happened, I felt it was open season on parents."

In nearby Novi, about 60 miles west of Detroit, Kathi Herren was convicted last month of misdemeanor assault and battery for slapping her 14-year-old daughter, Amber Russell, during an argument.

At the trial, Amber testified she deserved the slap and the black eye that went with it after years of misbehavior, including smoking, stealing, drinking, sneaking out of the house and unleashing vulgar tirades.

Against the teen's wishes, her friends reported the incident and prosecutors pressed charges.

In sentencing Ms. Herren to two years' probation, random drug testing and family counseling, Judge Brian MacKenzie admonished the admitted alcoholic: "I am satisfied that this was a drunken assault, not as you characterized it — a matter of parental discipline."

Outside court, Ms. Herren embraced her daughter and said the verdict sends a dangerous message: "You're going to have a bunch of out-of-control teen-agers doing whatever they want."

Before a judge's gag order was imposed in her case, Deborah Skousen of Brighton also argued that she was just trying to impose discipline when she slapped her defiant daughter — Rebecca, then 18 — last spring.



AP Photo

Deborah Skousen is being criminally charged after a school counselor noticed bruises on her 18-year-old daughter. Skousen says she should be able to discipline a difficult teenager. Her trial starts Friday in Brighton, Mich.

She said the teen broke rules, defied curfews, lied, called her obscene names and drank. The slap came after the girl took off on a weekend getaway with her boyfriend.

Rebecca complained to her school counselor, who told police as required by state law. A police officer saw a bruise, and prosecutor David Morse pursued charges with Rebecca's backing. Ms. Skousen could get a year in jail and $1,000 fine if convicted of aggravated domestic assault.

Barbara Bryan of the Ohio-based National Child Abuse Defense and Resource Center, which intercedes in cases involving abuse claims it sees as dubious, said legal action in such cases "almost puts a target on a parent's back."

"Very loving, caring parents now have to spend their child-rearing years looking over their shoulder," she said.

Sparing discipline also can land parents in trouble, as Anthony and Susan Provenzino of St. Clair Shores in suburban Detroit found out.

In 1996, a jury convicted the couple of violating a parental-responsibility ordinance for failing to control their teen-age son. The son, then 17, had been accused of several burglaries, marijuana possession and assaulting his father with a golf club.

The Provenzinos were ordered to pay $2,200 in fines and court costs. But a judge later tossed out the convictions and ruled that prosecutors never proved the parents failed to seek help for their troubled son.

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Study: Population growth may outstrip food production by 2025

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unless population growth slows and farm production increases dramatically, by 2025 there won't be enough food for the world's projected 8 billion hungry mouths, according to a Johns Hopkins University study.

If fertility rates do not drop to roughly two children per woman — a level that would only replace people who die — the world will add about 1 billion people every 20 years, the study predicted. Without major advances in agriculture, there is simply not enough available land to grow the necessary food.

'Helping couples prevent unintended pregnancies by providing family planning would slow the growth in the demand for food.'
— Don Hinrichsen, author of the population study

The study's author, Don Hinrichsen, a United Nations Population Fund senior consultant, said about 100 million women want better family planning but do not use contraceptives, some because they don't know how or can't get them and others because their cultures disapprove.

"Helping couples prevent unintended pregnancies by providing family planning would slow the growth in the demand for food," Hinrichsen said Wednesday.

In order to do that, contraceptive use in developing countries should increase from 50 percent to 73 percent — the level in the United States and other developed nations, he said.

Otherwise, production of food would have to double by 2025 if each person is to enjoy what the United Nations defines as food security: constant access to enough safe and nutritious food to "maintain a healthy and active life."

Even though agriculture produces enough food now for the world's 6 billion people, the Johns Hopkins study says that because it isn't distributed evenly, about one in every three do not enjoy food security today. Some 18 million people a year die of starvation.

The study also urges continued work on development of high-yield crops such as those that helped nearly triple yields in three main staples — corn, rice and wheat — between 1950 and 1990.

Attention should focus on crops such as sorghum, millet and cassava that are common in developing countries. In addition, the study recommends increased farming in cities, rediscovering forgotten crops and expansion of aquaculture to help feed the world.

Other farm problems include polluted and eroded land — an area larger than the United States and Mexico now suffers from severe soil degradation — loss of farmland to urban sprawl, shortages of water and climate change.

Unless these obstacles are overcome, regions such as Africa will never keep up with population growth: the continent now produces 30 percent less food per person than in 1967 and will have to boost production by 300 percent or import far more food to meet demand in 50 years.

"Winning the food race is likely to require decades of effort at the international, national and local levels," Hinrichsen said.

Kennedy to try to soothe Democrats

Jill Zuckman
New York Times Service

Over the last three years, Kennedy has succeeded in forcing Congress to confront the issues that he wants to become law.

WASHINGTON — Senator Edward M. Kennedy will play the conciliator within his party Thursday, calling for unity among Democrats in rhetoric and purpose in a major address at the National Press Club.

Kennedy, as is his annual custom, will use the speech to unveil his legislative agenda for the next year, including an increase in the minimum wage, an increase in the tobacco tax to pay for medical research and child development programs, and laws to protect participants in managed care health plans.

In an interview Wednesday, and in a prepared draft of the speech, Kennedy sought to play down the differences that have emerged in recent days between House Democratic leader Richard A. Gephardt and President Clinton. Gephardt complained in a speech in Cambridge last week that the White House was more concerned with raising campaign money than in setting policy.

"There appears to be some bickering among the Democrats," Kennedy noted. "But the differences among Democrats pale in comparison to the differences with Republicans."

In the nonpartisan Congressional Quarterly, Kennedy is cited this week as one of a dozen people who shaped Congress's legislative record in 1997. The senior senator from Massachusetts will follow his speech with a news media blitz, including appearances on NBC's "Meet the Press" and CNN's "Inside Politics Weekend."

Kennedy has long sought to chart the course of Congress, despite the fact that he is in the minority party and holds neither a chairmanship nor an official leadership position.

Over the last three years, Kennedy has succeeded in forcing Congress to confront the issues that he wants to become law. For example, Kennedy nearly shut down the Senate with his insistence on passing a minimum wage increase in 1996. Republican opposition fell apart in the face of Kennedy's daily tirades and parliamentary maneuvers on the Senate floor.

Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole resigned from Congress to focus on his presidential bid rather than contend with the embarrassing challenges to his authority by Kennedy.

"He drives the Republicans crazy, but it works for him; he gets his way," said Tom Korologos, a Republican lobbyist in the Senate who is close to Dole.

And Ronald C. Kaufman, a Republican lobbyist and Massachusetts political strategist, points out that this year's overhaul of the Food and Drug Administration would have looked completely different if Kennedy were not in the Senate. Kennedy filibustered the bill for three weeks as he extracted almost two dozen concessions from Republicans.

"You have to say that you can see his hand in a whole bunch of things despite the fact he's on the wrong side of the aisle," Kaufman said. "I think he prevents a lot of good reforms from happening and makes it more difficult to do things to make government more efficient, run better and run cheaper."

In his address Kennedy is expected to propose:

- Raising the minimum wage by 50 cents in each of the next three years to $6.65 by the year 2000 and indexing it thereafter to the cost of living.
- Raising the cigarette tax by $1.50 over the amount proposed in the national tobacco settlement. The settlement would have raised the tax by 65 cents a pack. Of the additional, proposed 85-cent increase, half would go to increased medical research and half would go to child-development funding for research and programs, such as Head Start.
- Instituting a "Managed Care Bill of Rights." Kennedy wants to ensure reasonable review procedures for people who are denied coverage and treatment, prevent gag rules for doctors, and make sure people with rare diseases get access to specialists.

All in all, Kennedy said Wednesday that he would, of course, prefer to be in the majority than the minority. But looking back over the years when his party has been out of power in the Senate, he does feel a certain sense of satisfaction.

"In some of these areas that do affect people, we've made some good progress," he said.

He wishes he could do more for the programs that he knows work, such as expanding Head Start and putting health clinics in schools. "We've made some progress and we're going to make more progress this time," he said.

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Chamber of Commerce to lead campaign against trial lawyers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, with help from Republican leaders and the tobacco industry, is laying plans for an all-out battle next year against some of its most powerful foes: trial lawyers.

Plans call for a multifront attack that could include legal challenges to the election of judges in Alabama and other states seen as particularly friendly for plaintiffs; lobbying Congress on such issues as product liability; and a public relations campaign to convince consumers that they in the end pay for excessive legal costs and judgments.

The millions of dollars the battle will need are to be raised from business interests who see growing legal costs as a burden to economic growth and competitiveness, officials knowledgeable about the campaign said. A chamber official said it could become the most expensive such effort undertaken by the alliance of more than 200,000 businesses nationwide and 3,000 state and local chambers of commerce.

Tobacco companies have been approached about helping to pay for the campaign, along with other manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, the official said.

"The project is being put together, no question," acknowledged chamber spokesman Frank Coleman, but he would not discuss details. The organization's new chief executive, Thomas Donohue, has a more aggressive agenda than his predecessors that includes "going toe-to-toe with the trial lawyers," Coleman said.

Richard Hailey, president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, said he's not surprised by the planned offensive. "Americans believe in personal and corporate responsibility, and they will not be fooled by this self-serving effort to convince them that profits are more important than the lives and safety of American families," he said.

The two lobbying powerhouses, perennial antagonists, are facing off at a time when issues critical to both are near the top of Congress' agenda: A proposed $368 billion settlement with tobacco companies and legislation to rewrite laws governing companies' legal liability for defective products.

Lawyer-bashing also provides a welcome outlet for congressional Republicans, for whom plaintiffs' attorneys are not only ideological but also financial foes. The trial lawyers' group was the third largest political contributor in the 1996 election campaign, giving $3.5 million — 85 percent of it to Democrats. As individuals, trial lawyers gave millions more.

The fight is particularly important because of the pending tobacco settlement, where lawyers' fees have become a major issue that threatens to derail agreement. For example, the settlement between tobacco companies and Florida specified that the plaintiff's attorneys get 25 percent of the state's $11 billion settlement — about $233 million for each of 12 lawyers the state hired. A judge invalidated the contract on the ground that the fees were excessive. The lawyers have appealed.

In the context of the tobacco settlement, the GOP hopes to paint trial lawyers as greedy opportunists in search of multibillion-dollar fees. "We're going to make it one of the big issues," a senior Republican aide said.

In its first volley, a House Judiciary subcommittee called a hearing Wednesday to draw attention to potential windfall lawyers' fees in the tobacco settlement. The subcommittee is chaired by tobacco loyalist Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., and the hearing included testimony from an attorney for cigarette maker R.J. Reynolds.

In a move to head off criticism, the trial lawyers' group sent Coble a letter agreeing that billion-dollar attorneys' fees are "excessive and unreasonable" and urging that fees be set by judges. It is equally unreasonable, said ATLA President Hailey, for Congress to cap attorneys' fees.

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NAACP leaders to decide Dukes' fate in Chicago

WASHINGTON (AP) — NAACP board members have called a Dec. 20 meeting in Chicago to decide whether an influential colleague can keep her post after admitting she took more than $13,000 from a leukemia-stricken associate.

Several board members suggested the vote on Hazel Dukes could go a long way in determining if the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights group, can improve a reputation tarnished in recent years by fiscal improprieties, leadership battles and muted civil rights advocacy.

"All of this weakens and hurts the organization," said Julian Bond, a former Georgia lawmaker and an NAACP board member. "There is no justification for what she said she did. There is no rationale."

Bond has joined a growing chorus of critics on the 64-member board who want Dukes to follow the wishes of the group's executive committee and resign.

"It would be in her best interests and the best interests of the organization for her to leave," said Leon Russell, a board member from Florida. "This issue goes to our credibility as a group, and if we are supposed to represent people across the nation on civil rights matters, we should try to avoid ethical problems on our side."

Russell said leaders of NAACP's seven-state Southeastern region, the organization's largest territory, voted unanimously on Saturday that Dukes should resign.

In October, Dukes, former president of New York City's Off-Track Betting Corp. and a close aide to NAACP Chairwoman Myrlie Evers-Williams, pleaded guilty to attempted grand larceny. Dukes, 65, admitted in court that she took more than $13,000 from a woman with leukemia who had trusted her to cash her paychecks and help pay her bills.

The NAACP is also investigating the finances of its New York State chapter, which Dukes heads.

Dukes refused comment, but several board members said she is counting votes to see if she can hold on to her seat. She needs the support of one-third of the board members at the Chicago meeting to stay.

The continuing leadership problems at the NAACP threaten not only its reputation but also its financial standing, according to sources within the organization.

Foundation contributions nearly dried up during the organization's leadership crisis in 1994 and 1995, which ended in the ousters of Executive Director Benjamin Chavis and Board Chairman William Gibson.

Since then, the organization has fought to regain the confidence of the corporate community, with the hiring of former Rep. Kweisi Mfume as president and the election of Evers-Williams, who promised reform and a swift return of the group to civil rights prominence.

Mfume said Wednesday that two large contributors called him in October when the story broke but fund raising hasn't been hampered so far.

"They were reacting to what they were seeing in the paper," Mfume said. "They just wanted to know what was going on."

Alan Jenkins, program officer for the Ford Foundation, said Wednesday he couldn't confirm any conversation took place, adding, "If there were any concerns on our part, we would deal directly with the organization." The Ford Foundation is the NAACP's largest foundation contributor, donating about $500,000 in the past 30 months, according to Mfume.

Last month, the NAACP asked Dukes and three other board members who have either admitted or been accused of financial misdeeds to quit.

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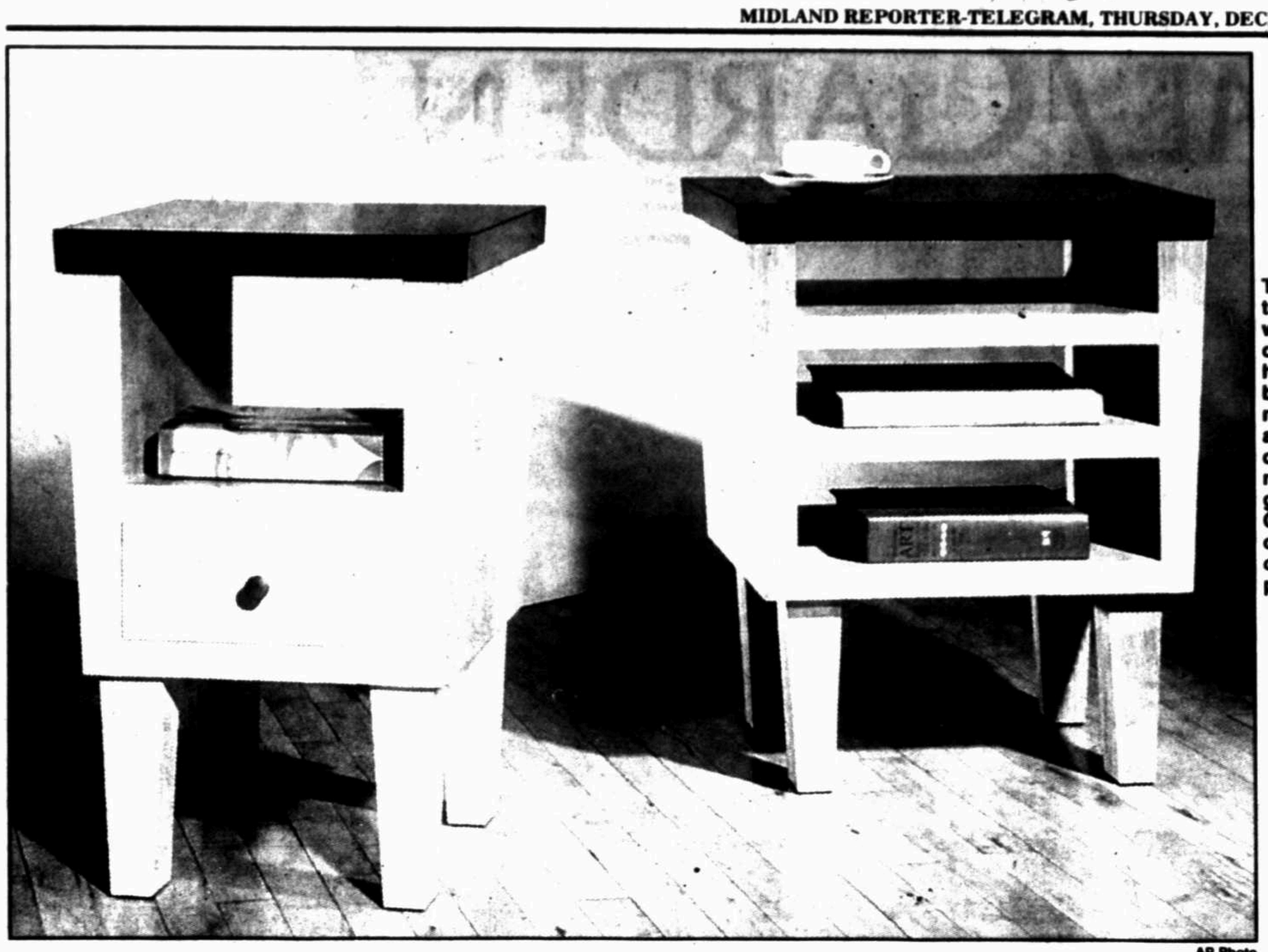
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By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

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The new formulations come in a wide range of colors and finishes and have subtle variations that suggest the natural world. But as decorative tabletops and counters, they must be treated with care to avoid staining.

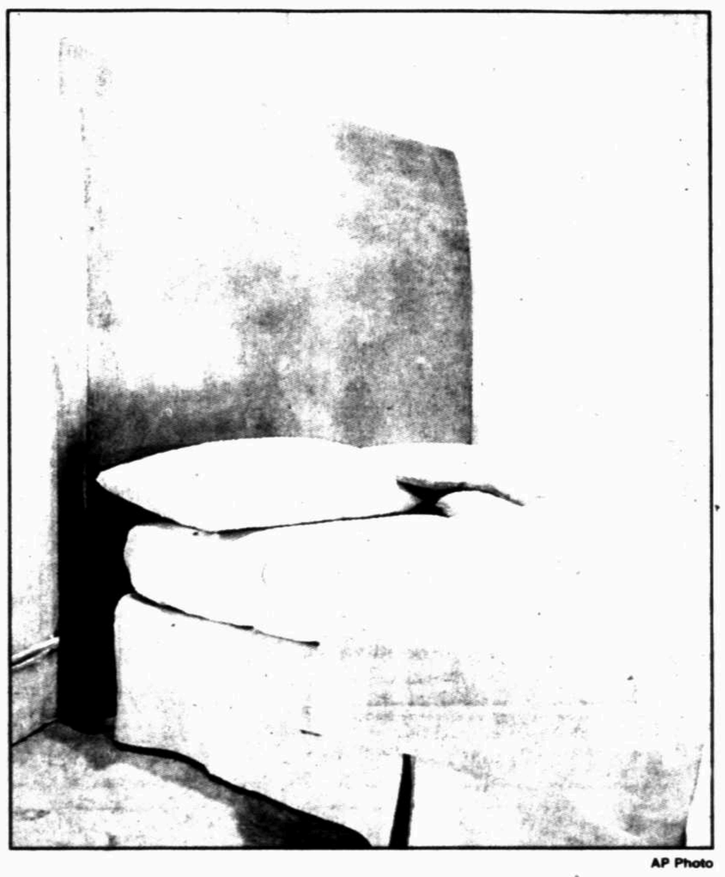
Concrete as a building material has been around for at least 2,000 years. Today's concrete is a mix of Portland cement, sand and water, plus various aggregates and additives. Despite any drawbacks in maintenance, interior designers like it for a variety of reasons.

"Concrete has a tremendous feeling of permanence, develops a patina, and is warmer to the touch than granite," according to the New York designer known as Clodagh.

Clodagh has created a line of concrete tables, headboards, mirror and picture frames, and vases and candle holders. She also uses concrete for floors and walls.

"I started adding color and materials such as steel parts and bits of glass and metal to the concrete," Clodagh says. "For example, my concrete office floor has a steel icon embedded in it."

Ted Boerner of San Francisco has designed occasional tables with black-pigmented concrete tops, about 1-3/4 inches thick. The wood bases have cubbyholes for storage, and the coffee table top has a shallow 9-inch hollow for



AP Photo

fruit, candy, even a flower floating in water.

"It would have been difficult to create that indentation in stone," Boerner says. "We also used concrete because we wanted something different. When we came across some concrete that had a beautiful finish and a bit of irregularity, that was it. Concrete has a quality not unlike soapstone or slate."

Architects say concrete as a surfacing and building material has its advantages.

"It's strong and can be formed into a multitude of shapes," according to Paul Bierman-Lytle, architect and co-author of "Your Natural Home."

"It can be precast and shipped to the site as beams, columns, sculpture, furniture, and other components," the architect said.

"It can be cast in place, poured between forms or sprayed on as a finish. It is resistant to fire and rot, does not require protective coatings, and lasts a long, long time."

An art dealer who wanted a minimalist background to display his collection had a contemporary house built in Binghamton, N.Y.

It is built on a concrete slab, with radiant heating in the concrete floors — a design idea used early in the century by Frank Lloyd Wright. In addition, there are concrete kitchen counters and fireplaces and a concrete platform for the bed in the master bedroom.

"Concrete can be less expensive than tile or granite or synthetic solid surface materials," according to the decorator, Judy Markham Fox of Manlius, N.Y. "The rough surfaces and natural variations of today's concrete are in keeping with the interest in casual, natural materials."

Markham-Fox found George Bishop of Get Real Surfaces, a 2-year-old company in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., to do the concrete work in the Binghamton house.

"Ninety percent of what we do is countertops, but fireplace surrounds and tables also are becoming popular," Bishop says. "People start with a counter. If they like the look, they may add another feature such as a bathroom floor or walls, or a built-in vanity."

While the novice may be able to pour a concrete sidewalk or a patio, furniture is another story.

"I would not suggest doing it at home," Boerner says, "because it's not all that easy."

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Worms help make compost in kitchen

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

Everybody knows about composting, that lesson from nature about how raw organic matter (leaves, grass clippings and old plants, etc.) are decomposed to a dark, crumbly humus that is the best thing to use to improve soil and plant performance. Gardeners generally compost in a pile or bin, or directly into the soil, but some prefer to compost with worms.



Benge Frost

Before you rule it out, at least consider this type of composting. While not everybody wants to compost this way, many gardeners have been amazed at how simple it is, how fast it works and what wonderful, rich compost is produced.

Composting with worms — vermiculture — results in an extremely high quality compost that recycles many kitchen wastes. A worm box can be kept in a kitchen, cabinet, pantry, protected porch, utility room or some place handy to the kitchen. Composting kitchen scraps can save you all those trips out to the compost pile or the guilt of just chunking it in the trash can. If managed correctly, composting with worms is clean and easy, and brings no odors or insects.

Any vegetable or fruit trimmings and or spoilage can be added, as can coffee grounds and filters, teabags, paper towels and egg shells. The worms will quickly turn kitchen scraps into a high quality, rich compost. (Vermiculture also can easily be done by apartment dwellers and be used for or with potting soil for houseplants.)

Don't use night crawlers and other soil inhabiting worms; instead try composting redworms, which are the most effect worms. Earthworms are not as efficient in composting and won't live in a worm box as well as compost worms do. On the other hand, composting worms don't like to live in the soil and will not survive cold winter temperatures. They can be used in the house in a worm box during the cool months and then placed in a traditional compost pile during the warm months.

A worm box can be purchased or made. Commercially made bins are available as plastic boxes, styrofoam and even fancy high rise worm apartment complexes like the "Can of Worms." These are all very nice but not absolutely necessary. A bin can be constructed from a plastic tub with dimensions of about 1x2x3 (or 4)-inches with a lid. Cut holes in the side for air circulation and cover it with fine mesh or panty hose to keep worms inside.

To prepare a worm box, start with bedding, which can be shredded cardboard or newspaper, peat moss or leaves that have been soaked in water and drained. Add this bedding to the box until is it one-third full; mix in a little sand or garden soil. Keep bedding material moist but not wet, and make sure lots of air can circulate through it.

Once the box is prepared, add 1 pound of worms in 1 pound of kitchen scraps per week. Two pounds of worms can handle up to 7 pounds of kitchen scraps a week. Don't leave kitchen scraps on the surface because (1) worms don't like to come to the surface, and (2) food left on the surface can attract insects and cause odors. Chopping or blending food before adding it to the worm bin will speed up composting time. Don't add too much food, especially at first, because the more food added, the faster the worms reproduce. Hold kitchen scraps in a sealed container in the refrigerator until they are to be added to the bin.

Feed systematically: Start at one corner and dig a hole in the bedding; place the organic matter in the hole and cover it up. The next time food is added, dig a hole beside the first and repeat the process. Continue digging holes and burying organic matter until some has been added to each part of the box, and then begin the process over again.

As with conventional composting, moisture and oxygen are vital in maintaining the worms. Add water by sprinkling or misting when needed; add oxygen by fluffing the bedding with a fork or stick, or adding new bedding material. Ideal temperature for the box is around 55 degrees to 77 degrees.

Compost can be ready in two to four months. Separate the worms from the finished compost by (1) Pushing the compost to one of the boxes and adding new bedding and food to the other. Most of the worms will migrate to the new bedding and food in three to four weeks, leaving the finished compost to be used, or (2) Exposing the compost to bright light, which will drive the worms to the bottom center of the pile. After some time of light exposure and slow removal of compost on the outside edges, the compost can be separated from the resulting "ball of worms."

Worms can be ordered from several mail order garden catalogues or you can get a start from a friend or neighbor already doing vermiculture. For a list of sources, contact the Ector or Midland County Extension Service.

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The 1998 Permian Basin Master Gardener Training Program will begin 10 a.m. Jan. 7, 1998, at the Ector County Extension Service. For more information call 498-4071.

Deborah Benge Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.

DEAR ABBY

Guidance offered to dissuade stalkers

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: "Quaking in California," the 15-year-old girl who was bothered by her father's friend, must talk immediately to her school counselor or a caring, sympathetic teacher. And she must not be afraid to tell the truth if police interview her.



Van Buren

Four years ago, the sister of one of my students became unusually quiet and withdrawn, so I made a point of befriending her. She told me a shocking story about "the man who sleeps in my bed," her father's boyhood friend who came to the family's trailer in the evenings, slept in her bed and made sexual advances. Her parents did not interfere! She told me how scared she was, and that she couldn't sleep, think or do her school work.

I told her to tell her parents that I said they must "make him leave tonight, or by law they could be held responsible." That empowered the parents. He left that night. I also contacted her school principal, who summoned a deputy because we are legally required to report such incidents. I was away from school the day they questioned her. The poor girl was so intimidated she denied everything. She was sure the man would kill her if she reported him.

Later, the deputy called me to say that apparently the girl had lied to me. I was shocked. I was often in her home because of their distress and poverty. I knew her well enough to know she was telling me the truth. The family believes the man murdered his pregnant wife in his hometown in another country and fled here illegally. They also believed that he delivered narcotics across the state, hidden among the heavy equipment he transported. The parents were terrified of him.

Abby, I wrote a letter and sent it to the Sheriff's Department, the INS, the DEA, our SANE (Substance Abuse Narcotics Education) officer, the student's principal, and a newspaper reporter who had befriended the family. The "man who sleeps in my bed" disappeared in days and hasn't been seen since. We could get rid of those who would harm our children, if we persist. — A CALIFORNIA TEACHER

DEAR TEACHER: You handled the problem very well. I hope others will learn from your example. Please read on for more input from a caring professional:

DEAR ABBY: I am a clinical social worker in Los Angeles who is very disturbed about the letter in your column from the 15-year-old girl who is being stalked and harassed by her father's 34-year-old male friend.

You were absolutely correct when you told her to save and photocopy the notes and show them to a responsible adult, such as a school counselor or clergyperson. I would strongly urge this young woman to go even further than this. The behavior of these irresponsible parents is unconscionable. They cannot be relied upon to take action when the school authorities contact them about this.

She can, and should, report this man's behavior both to the police and to her local Department of Children's Services.

Her school counselor can help her contact them. These two entities have the power to protect her from further harassment and stalking (and he is indeed stalking her), to provide education and counseling to the family, to educate her mother and father about responsible parenting, and to monitor them to ensure that they provide it. She should also ask her school counselor to provide her with ongoing counseling for herself.

Urge her to do this without delay, before the man becomes more bold in his actions. — CONCERNED ADULT IN L.A.

DEAR ABBY: A friend wanted to come with her daughter and three teen-aged grandchildren to spend some time with me after Christmas. My home had just been redecorated, and I told her honestly that I was not set up to accommodate five guests. She laughed and said the teen-agers could camp out in the living room -- a room with brand-new off-white carpet.

I told her I was not comfortable with this arrangement. She became outraged, and in an extremely nasty way terminated our 20-year friendship.

Was I wrong to feel so protective of my new furniture and carpeting?

And how can I put into perspective such an unpleasant rejection? — GRIEVING IN HERMOSA BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR GRIEVING: Although you value the 20-year friendship, it obviously meant more to you than it did to your "friend."

You had every right to decline the role of hostess to her, her daughter and the three teens. For her to have asked was an imposition.

Don't dwell on it. Putting it in a positive light, her "rejection" frees you to devote more time to someone who is a genuine friend.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed through Universal Press Syndicate.

Households need basic 'level' tool

Associated Press

Even the most basic toolkit is necessary for any house or apartment dweller. That toolkit should contain a "level."

Over the years, you'll probably find a need for several more and add them to your tool collection.

The "level," a simple, easy-to-use tool, is a necessity for checking work in a true horizontal plane (called level) and a true vertical plane (called plumb). It is also indispensable for adjusting things like record players, pendulum clocks and washing machines or refrigerators that must be plumb or level to operate properly.

Levels come in a variety of types and range in length from a few inches to several feet. The carpenter's torpedo and line levels are the most commonly used types by homeowners.

Carpenter's levels range in length from 18 to 48 inches. Specialized mason's levels are even longer.

But for most home use, a 24-incher is probably the best combining convenience with enough length for almost all requirements.

Most levels come with three vials: a lengthwise center vial with two bubble tubes for checking horizontal surfaces. These tubes are marked and aligned so the lower tube works with the bottom surface and the top tube with the upper surface so you do not have to turn the level over to make a quick check.

This feature makes a level more convenient but not necessarily more accurate. Still, it's a feature to look for to indicate a quality level.

One or sometimes two end vials aligned perpendicular to the edges of the level check plumb and a 45-degree vial checks that angle accurately.

POINSETTIA: Focus of Mexican legend

(From 8B)

ico, he visited Taxco and found the plants growing on hillsides. A botanist, Poinsett had plants sent to his home in Greenville, S.C. Poinsett began growing the plants in his greenhouse and supplied them to other botanists, gardeners and nursery owners around the country.

The poinsettia is legendary in Mexico, according to several historians of Mexican culture. In Mexico, the poinsettia is called *flor de la Nochebuena*, flower of the Holy Night. A Mexican legend tells of how the plant came into existence, through a little girl's gift placed on the altar of the Christ Child. When the little girl, in contemporary times, was unable to afford a gift to present to the altar in time for a Christmas procession, an angel appeared and instructed her to pull weeds from a hillside. The girl placed the weeds on the altar and "starry crimson blossoms burst forth from every stem."

The popular Christmas plants have been described as "brilliant red stars that light up the Mexican countryside."

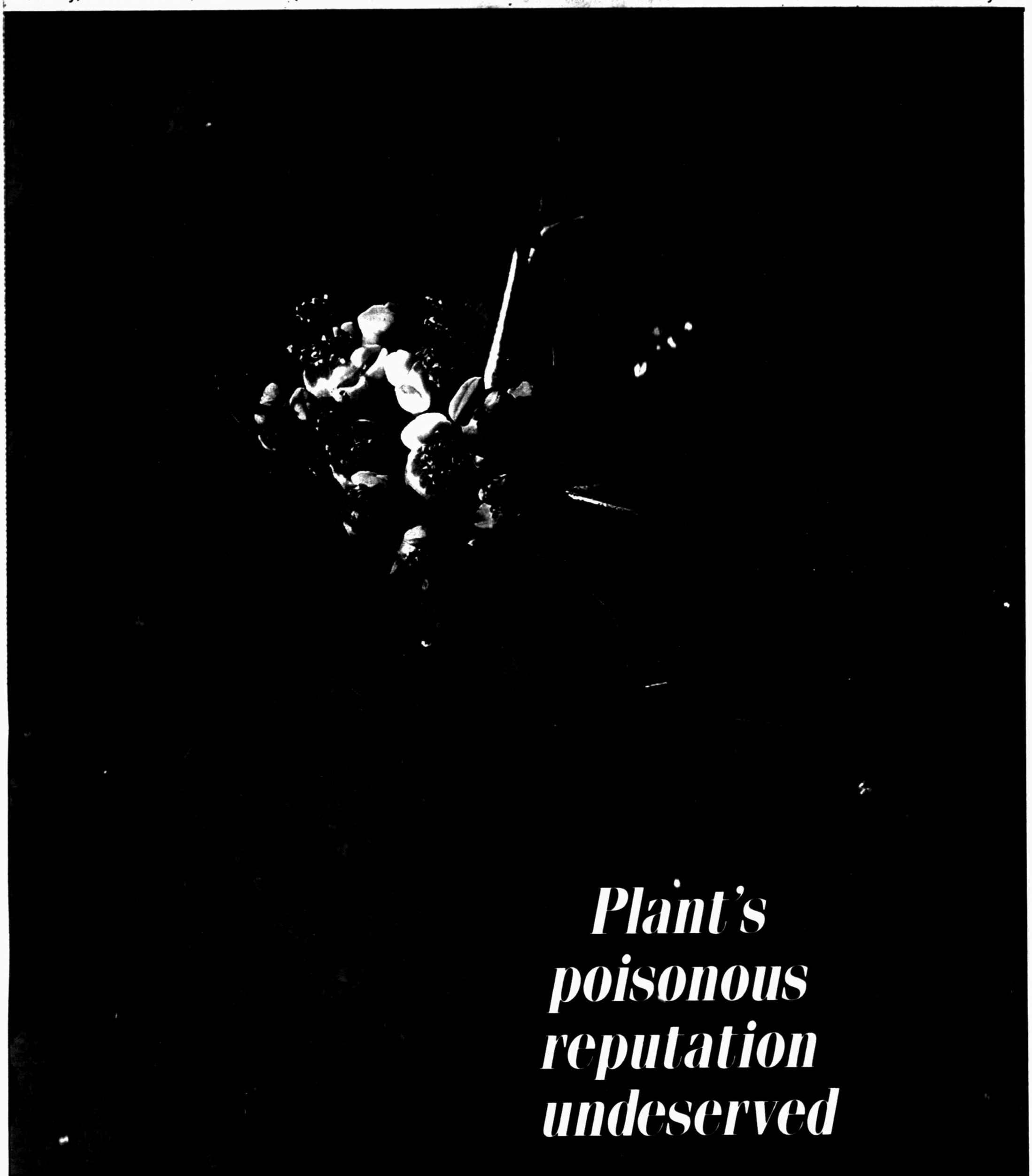
While pretty to look at, and not toxic to ingest, it is recommended the plants be put up out of reach of toddlers and animals.

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Plant's poisonous reputation undeserved

Looking across a list of safety tips for the holidays (recently published in the Reporter-Telegram), a couple of Midland readers noticed that a warning about poinsettias being poisonous was absent. "Why haven't there been any warnings this year or in recent years?" one man asked. "Aren't these plants dangerous to have around children?"

Warnings have vanished because scientific research has shown the plants not to be toxic, according to local horticultural experts. Poinsettia plants arrive from florists bearing a tag with instructions for their care, and the message: "SAFE FOR HOME. Despite the age-old myth about the poinsettia, scientific research confirms that this plant is not toxic."

"That's right," said Debbie Benge Frost, horticulturist with the Midland County Extension Office.

She said, to prove the point, a horticulturist went on San Antonio television and ate poinsettia leaves. "He is always doing crazy things, but he wanted to show the plant isn't toxic. It may irritate some people's skin or their mouths, but the poinsettia is not poisonous," Ms. Benge Frost said.

Scientific research has disproved the theory that poinsettias are toxic, according to the national Home Safety Council. "The holiday plants that are toxic when eaten are holly berries and mistletoe, not poinsettias," the organization reported.

The poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) has a juice typical of euphorbia shrubs, an acrid, milky sap which can cause pain in the eyes and open cuts. It may also cause an irritation on some people's skin. Otherwise, "it is either completely harmless — or at most — mildly irritating to skin or stomach," said the "Sunset Western Garden Book."

Indigenous to Central America and Mexico, the poinsettia is actually made up of petal-like leaves — some which turn white, crimson, cream, yellow, peach, pink or pale green — due to the increased darkness from longer nights in November and December.

The popular Christmas "flower" is actually made up of modified leaves called bracts. True flowers, which appear like a cluster of yellow berries, are in the center of the plant.

Grown primarily as a potted plant for the Christmas season, poinsettias represent a major floricultural crop in Texas. The crop is valued at $9 million annually in the Lone Star State, with more than 700 producers statewide, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Agency.

The state agency's Internet web site describes the history of the poinsettia as dating back to cultivation by the Aztecs of Mexico. Due to climatic conditions, the highly prized plants could not be grown in the Aztec capital, which is now Mexico City. Some of the first religious connotations surrounding the plant began in the 17th century when Franciscan priests, near Taxco, Mexico, began using the flower in the nativity procession the *Fiesta de Santa Pesebre*.

The plants were first introduced into the United States in 1825 by Joel Robert Poinsett. While serving as the first U.S. ambassador to Mex-

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

GOLF — Golf, Diners Club Matches, at Newport Beach, Calif., 2 p.m., ESPN.

NFL — Selection show, NFL Pro Bowl Selections, at Orlando, Fla., 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL— Awards show, College Football Awards, at Orlando, Fla., 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

NBA — Orlando Magic at Dallas Mavericks, 7:30 p.m., FSS.

RODEO — National finals, 7th round, at Las Vegas (same-day tape), 10:30 p.m., ESPN2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — St. Mary's, Calif. at Pacific, 11 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

HOCKEY — Dallas Stars 3, Tampa Bay Lightning 0.

NBA — San Antonio 102, L.A. Clippers 87.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — **Men**, Colorado St. 86, Texas A&M 82, OT.

Nicholls St. 74, Rice 62.

Women, No. 8 Arizona 84, Texas A&M 59.

Sports Today

PREP BASKETBALL — Tall City Oilmen's Tournament, Chap Center, see Today's Schedule/1C.

Franks honored

CORAL GABLES, Fla — University of Miami football player Daniel Franks, a Big Spring product, was named to The Sporting News Freshman All-America team.

Franks, a first-team selection, led the Hurricanes with four touchdown receptions as a tight end. His 19 receptions (for 294 yards) was second on the team. He became the first Miami tight end to gain 100 yards in a game since 1992 with his 110-yard performance against Temple.

Franks also earned second-team All-Big East status.

Jacks record

The Odessa Jackalopes' Sami Laine broke a WPHL record with his five goals in Tuesday's 9-6 win over Waco. The previous record single-game performance was four goals, previously held by six players.

What makes Laine's performance more amazing is that he did it all in one period. That may be a record for all of professional hockey. No NHL player has ever done it, although several skaters have scored four goals in a period, including Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux.

The Jacks were trailing 5-2 at the 11:57 mark of the second period when Laine took over, scoring five times in a span of nine minutes and 16 seconds.

"It was incredible," Laine said in a press release. "I once scored four times in a game in Finland, but never five in one period. I never expected anything like this. It was great, too, because we were losing when it started, and all the goals helped us win."

Kelly returning?

NEW YORK — Former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly has received offers from several NFL teams to return to football next year, and says he could come back on one condition.

"I've gotten so many calls from people wanting to know if I'll come back and play," Kelly said in an interview with FOX Sports News on Wednesday. "I don't know whether I will at this time, but if I ever did, I'd do it for my son.

Kelly 's son, Hunter, suffers from leukodystrophy, a degenerative genetic disorder that affects the brain, spinal cord and nerves from which there is no known cure.

Jones retiring

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Brent Jones, a four-time Pro Bowl tight end in 12 years with the San Francisco 49ers, plans to retire at the end of this season.

Jones, 34, told KGO radio of his plans in an interview Wednesday. The formal announcement is expected during a news conference at the team's Santa Clara headquarters..

"After all those years, you just know in your heart when it's time and my thing has always been to retire on your own terms," Jones told KGO.

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Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, seen here at the 1995 FedEx Orange Bowl, retired Wednesday, ending an era in which he became one of the game's most successful coaches.

Nebraska's Osborne to hang it up after season

■ One of college football's most successful coaches retires after 25 years. Longtime assistant Frank Solich will take over control of the Cornhusker program.

By Tim Korte
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — The tears didn't come until the day Tom Osborne decided to walk away from college football.

The Nebraska coach stalked the sideline for 25 years with barely a wince or a smile over a win or a loss. On Wednesday, he was clearly choked up as he announced an end to one of the most successful careers in the sport.

"I think it's wise to back off before you leave feet first or somebody tells you it's time to go," Osborne said.

The 60-year-old coach said he was retiring because of health problems and to spend more time with his family and at church. He had heart bypass surgery 13 years ago and was hospitalized with an irregular heartbeat last month.



He will coach his final game when the No. 2 Cornhuskers play No. 3 Tennessee in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2. If he wins — and top-ranked Michigan loses to Washington State in the Rose Bowl — his reign almost certainly will end with a national championship.

A team meeting for the game began like any other, quarterback Scott Frost said. Then Osborne broke the news.

"Everybody was totally quiet and you could hear a pin drop," Frost said. "Coach Osborne doesn't usual-

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TALL CITY OILMAN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Striking it rich

Three-day tournament kicks off with potential Midland High-Lee game

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Tall City Oilman's Basketball Tournament, which begins a three-day run today at Chaparral Center, promises to bring out some high emotions before the final gun sounds at 7:30 p.m. Saturday with the championship game.

Midland High's highly regarded Bulldogs have had a year to stew over this tournament. Alamogordo, N.M., is dreaming of a third consecutive title. Midland Lee pulled off its only win over MHS last season in this tournament and got to the finals. El Paso Eastwood knows what it is like to beat and lose to a Midland team in the state playoffs. Killeen, a rising star in the state, is ranked No. 4 in Class 5A. And Odessa Permian, too, found a way to beat MHS last season in this tournament.

And that's just a few of the things to watch for from this talented 14-team field. And just so you get a full dose of local intrigue, Midland High will more than likely meet Midland Lee at 8:45 p.m. today to start the second round. Midland High must beat Levelland at 8:30 a.m. this morning to force the night showdown with Lee, which has drawn the first round bye. However, MHS owns a 95-43 win over Levelland already this season on the road.

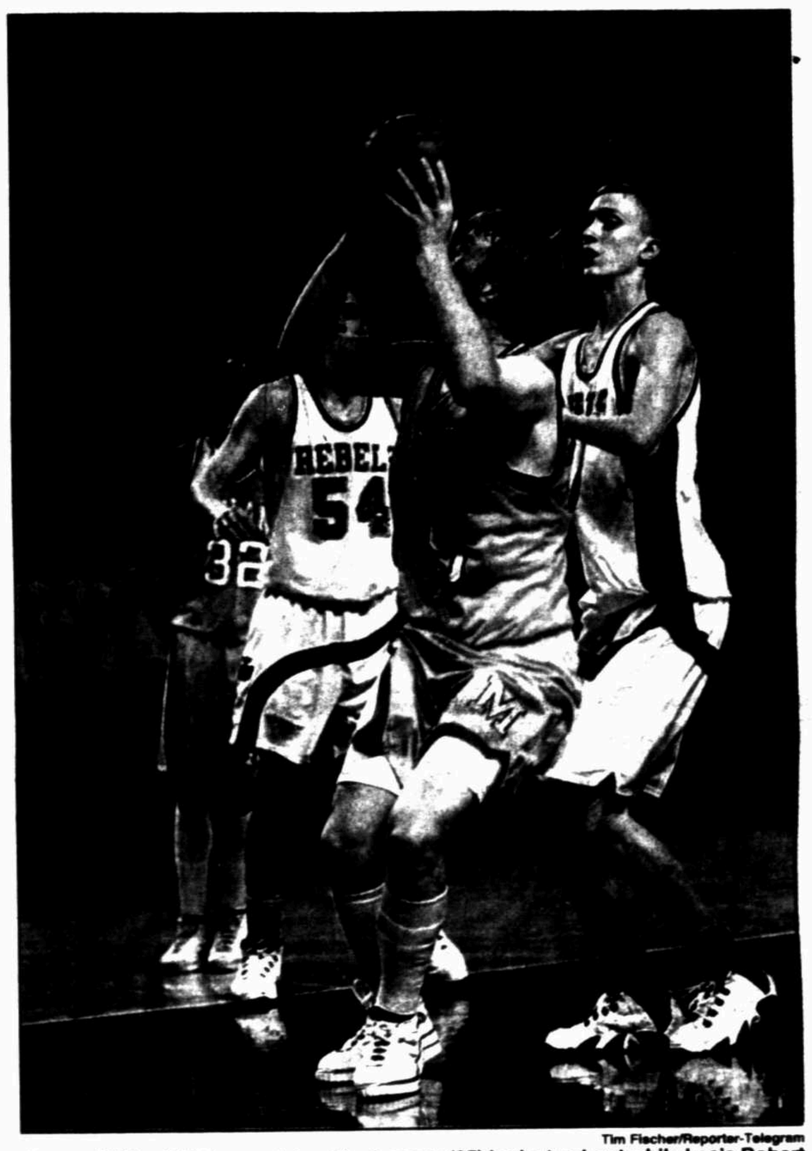
The prospects of a Lee-MHS meeting, more than anything, holds the excitement for Day 1. Anytime cross-town rivals compete on the same floor, there is bound to be high emotions rolling at fever pitch.

"Midland High is playing as good as anyone we've seen this year. They are ranked No. 7 in the state in the latest TABC poll and we are ranked No. 17," said Lee coach Jon House, who is the host for this tournament. "Alamogordo has won this thing two times in a row and is the defending New Mexico state champion. Everyone remembers Eastwood from the playoffs last year. Killeen is ranked No. 4. Odessa Per-

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Today's Schedule

- 8:30 a.m.: Midland High vs. Levelland
- 10:15 a.m.: El Paso Eastwood vs. Lubbock Monterey
- Noon: Odessa High vs. Alamogordo, N.M.
- 1:45 p.m.: El Paso Hanks vs. Odessa Permian
- 3:30 p.m.: Allen vs. El Paso Franklin
- 5:15 p.m.: El Paso Andress vs. Lubbock Coronado
- 7 p.m.: Eastwood-Monterey winner vs. Killeen
- 8:45 p.m.: Midland Lee vs. Midland High-Levelland winner



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Former Midland High guard Jon Stephenson (25) looks to shoot while Lee's Robert House (right) defends and Lee's John Purves (54) and MHS' Kirby Lemons (32) look on last year in District 4-5A action. Midland High and Lee could meet today in the second round of the Tall City Oilman's Tournament.

Cowboys expect hard play despite longshot chances

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Will the Dallas Cowboys mail in their last two games?

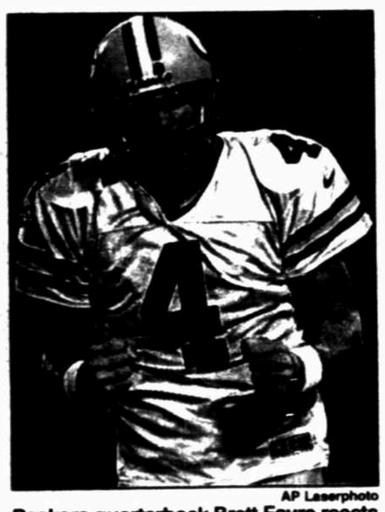
No, says Barry Switzer. No, says Troy Aikman.

The Cowboys, 6-8 with only a remote chance of a wild-card spot, play at Cincinnati on Sunday and are home against the New York Giants on Dec. 21.

Dallas has a longshot chance to make the playoffs based on so many combinations of events the NFL office hasn't bothered to compute the possibilities.

Does Switzer turn to younger players to give them experience? Or does the coach stay with the older

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AP Laserphoto

Packers quarterback Brett Favre reacts after Dorsey Levens scored a touchdown during the third quarter of their game against the Minnesota.

Will Favre take home another MVP award?

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre's numbers are down, but his play has reached new heights.

And the Green Bay Packers aren't the least bit concerned.

So lofty were the standards set by Favre over the last two seasons that Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren sat his quarterback down before the season and told him his new barometer would be the Packers' record.

Although he's come close, Favre hasn't put up the kind of numbers he did during his record-breaking 1995 and '96 seasons, when he threw 38 and 39 touchdown passes, respectively, and joined Joe Montana as the only players to win consecutive Most Valuable Player awards.

But Favre did become the first quarterback in NFL history to throw 30 TD passes in four straight seasons, and he's polished his game even if he still makes dangerous decisions at times.

And the Packers (11-3) have reestablished their Super Bowl credentials, winning eight of their last nine games while storming through the league's deepest division with a

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Heisman Trophy becomes another challenge for Michigan's Woodson

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The baby laughed and splashed as he always did. Charles Woodson was 6 months old and loved his bath. His mother smiled. Then, for the first time, she noticed his arches.

"They just didn't look the way they should," Georgia Woodson recalls.

Charles was diagnosed as having clubbed feet.

For the better part of the next year, Charles Woodson wore leg braces. They secured his legs to each other, preventing him from walking.

"We had to carry him because he had to wear leg braces all day," his mother says. "He basically couldn't walk at all."

Until he was 4, he had to wear corrective shoes. Kids being kids, he was teased.

"He didn't want to wear them," Georgia says. "He fought it."

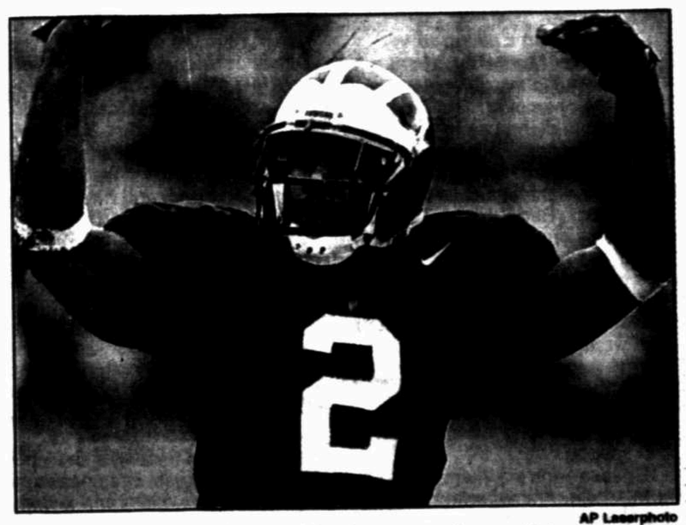
Woodson has been fighting — and winning — ever since. He went on to become Ohio's best high school football player, then an All-American at

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Heisman Hopefuls

This is the third of four stories featuring the top Heisman Trophy candidates.

- Tuesday: Randy Moss.
- Wednesday: Ryan Leaf.
- Today: Charles Woodson.
- Friday: Peyton Manning.



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Michigan cornerback Charles Woodson, seen here, rallying the crowd on Nov. 1 in Ann Arbor, Mich, has been invited to the Downtown Athletic Club in New York for Saturday's Heisman Trophy presentation.

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Johnson dishes out 20 assists; Spurs win big

By The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Avery Johnson had a career-high 20 assists and David Robinson scored 30 points to lead San Antonio over Los Angeles 102-87 Wednesday.

The Spurs, who never trailed, broke a three-game losing streak.

Vinny Del Negro added 22 points, Tim Duncan had 14 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots and Robinson tied a franchise record by connecting on 18 free throws.

Magic 106, Bulls 98

ORLANDO, Fla. — Rony Seikaly scored 24 of his 26 points in the second half and Orlando made 21 of 23 free throws in the fourth quarter to end its 11-game losing streak against Chicago.

The Magic, who hadn't beaten the Bulls since Nov. 14, 1995, did it without leading scorer Penny Hardaway, who underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee earlier in the day and will be sidelined 8 to 10 weeks.

Celtics 96, Bucks 91

BOSTON — Travis Knight had 13 points and 10 rebounds and made two free throws with 9.7 seconds left to help Boston stop its five-game losing streak.

Knight also had a tip-in with 46 seconds left after Milwaukee, which lost star Glenn Robinson to an ejection and fell behind by 20, closed within one. Chauncey Billups had 21 points, including two free throws with 19.7 seconds left.

Hornets 104, Wizards 101

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Charlotte blew a 17-point lead in the fourth quarter before rallying past Washington, which was playing several hours after teammates Tracy Murray and Rod Strickland exchanged blows.

Glen Rice had 29 points and the decisive steal for Charlotte, which snapped Washington's four-game winning streak and won for the eighth time in 10 home games.

Cavaliers 102, Nuggets 83

CLEVELAND — Wesley Person scored 18 points and Shawn Kemp 17 as Cleveland won its ninth straight game.

Rookie point guard Brevin Knight had 10 points, seven assists and three steals as the Cavs tied Houston for the longest current winning streak in the league.

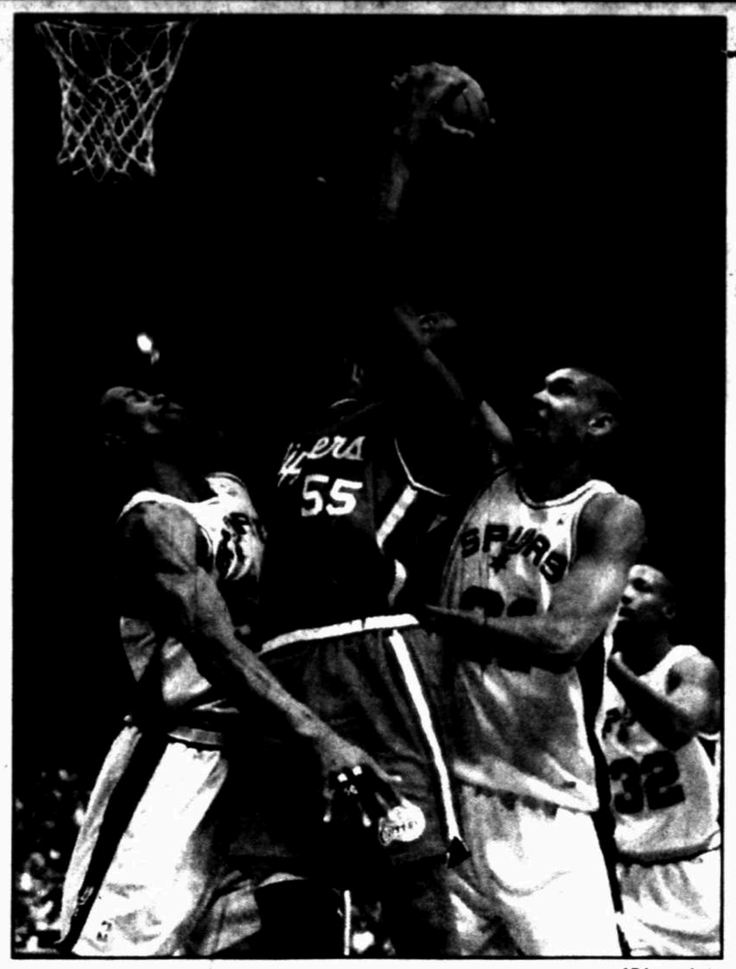
Raptors 104, 76ers 97

PHILADELPHIA — Toronto ended a franchise-worst 17-game losing streak as Walt Williams scored 39 points.

Williams' 39 points was a season high for the Raptors and set a new record for an opponent at the two-year-old CoreStates Center. It was one point shy of his career high.

Warriors 93, Lakers 92

OAKLAND, Calif. — Joe Smith had eight of his 27 points in the fourth quarter as Golden State, winning its second straight at home since Latrell Sprewell's firing, defeated Los Angeles.



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San Diego Clippers' Lorenzen Wright, center, is sandwiched between San Antonio Spurs' David Robinson, left, and Tim Duncan during the first quarter at the Alamodome Wednesday in San Antonio.

Former MC star Palacio helps Colorado State get past A&M

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Ryán Chilton scored 25 points, including a buzzer-beating tip-in that forced overtime, and former Midland College standout Milton Palacio, who led Colorado State with 11 assists, scored 6 points in overtime as Colorado State rallied for an 86-82 victory over Texas A&M.

The Rams (6-1) trailed 70-57 with five minutes to go in regulation but went on a 16-3 run that was capped by Chilton's tip to tie the game 73-73 at the buzzer.

Poor free-throw shooting by Texas A&M (5-1) helped Colorado State creep back into the game. Shanne Jones missed a pair of free throws with 8.6 seconds left. Overall, the Aggies were 18-of-27 from the stripe.

Chilton scored the first basket of overtime and the Rams led the rest of the way. James Smith had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Rams, including two baskets in overtime. Chilton, a 7-footer, was 10-of-14 from the field and had six blocks.

Nicholls State 72, Rice 64

HOUSTON — Russell McCutcheon scored 23 points, leading Nicholls State in a 72-64 victory over Rice.

McCutcheon scored 16 of his points in the second half, when the Colonels (1-4) turned a 32-31 halftime advantage into leads that reached 11 points down the stretch.

Rice (2-8) is off to its worst start since a 2-21 start in the 1975-76 season.

Arizona thrashes Lady Ags

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — For a team trying to avoid the spotlight, eighth-ranked Arizona is doing a terrible job.

What was expected to be a mismatch was just that, with Adia Barnes scoring 34 points and adding 11 rebounds as the Wildcats beat Texas A&M 84-59 Wednesday night.

Barnes, who scored 20 points in the second half, fell only one point shy of her career best.

Texas A&M was led by Kera Alexander's 20 points. Prissy Sharpe, the Aggies' leading scorer, was held to six.

The Aggies went just over 11 minutes without a field goal. In that span, the Wildcats increased a one-point lead to 27-11.

The Aggies made just 21 percent of their shots from the field and only 1-of-10 3-pointers in the first half. Texas A&M also had 17 turnovers.

"I don't have any answers for that," Texas A&M coach Candi Harvey said of the sluggish start. "This is a young basketball team."

TOURNEY: Alamogordo winner of last two Oilman's tournament titles

(From 1C)

mian is playing well. If people can't get excited about this tournament, there's something wrong."

On playing MHS in today's nightcap, House said, "It's like it has been. Midland High is very good. They have an All-World guard (Charles Tatum) and an All-America center (Kirby Lemons) and we will have to play extremely well just to stay on the floor with them."

And this is a tournament that MHS has been looking forward to since last season MHS lost to both Lee and Permian in back-to-back games.

"That was the only time last year we lost two games in a row," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "We beat Lee three out of four times last year, but this was the one that got away. I'm sure our kids will be looking forward to that game."

The one advantage Lee might have is the fact that MHS has to play a game on the same day before meeting the Rebels.

"Somebody had to have a bye, so I took it," House said, "but I don't think Midland High will have much problem with Levelland. They'll be ready to play us because there is a lot of time between games."

MHS rebounded last year from the fall in this tournament to win the Byron Johnston (Midland High's tournament) and go on to record a rare 12-0 sweep in District 4-5A play and eventually a region semifinal berth before falling to Austin bound Duncanville. Lee went to the area round of the playoffs last year, falling to Eastwood, a team MHS defeated in the region quarterfinals.

Midland High is currently 8-1 on the season and Lee is 7-2.

Other teams in this year's field are Odessa High, El Paso Hanks, Allen, El Paso Franklin, El Paso Andress, Lubbock Coronado and Lubbock Monterey. Lee is coming off a 66-64 OT win over Coronado and has beaten Monterey this season. The only team Midland High has played in this field is Levelland.

Killeen is the other team to draw a first-round bye and will not play until 7 p.m. against the Eastwood-Monterey winner from today (10:15 a.m.) in the second round. All teams except Lee and Killeen will have to win four games to win the title. With first round byes, Lee and Killeen will need to win only three games, but the path is littered with stumbling blocks for all the teams involved. There aren't too many easy opponents in this field.

Odessa High catches a tough first-round assignment (noon), meeting Alamogordo. Permian follows at 1:45 p.m. against El Paso Hanks. The two other first-round games pit Allen against Franklin (3:30 p.m.) and Andress against Coronado (5:15 p.m.).

Action begins Friday at 9 a.m. at both Chaparral Center and the Lee gym. Some of the elimination bracket games will be staged at the Lee gym on Friday. Friday's action has a championship bracket game at 9:15 p.m. with either Lee or Midland High in that game. Action continues at 9 a.m. Saturday with all games at the Chap. The championship game is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

There are also two special events during the tournament. The Lee girls will interupt play at 7:30 p.m. Friday to open District 4-5A play against league favorite Odessa Permian. Then on Saturday, the Midland College Chaparrals will host Jacksonville College at 2:15 p.m. in JUCO men's action. So, during the tournament, you can see the best of high school boys play, a girls district game and a junior college matchup. If you're up to it you can see 26 games in three days.

Midland High (8-1)

1997-98 Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Kirby Lemons	9	91	49	231	25.7
Charles Tatum	9	54	18	149	16.6
Jay Christian	9	35	27	102	11.3
Ross Nobles	9	16	8	48	5.3
Blake Johnston	7	11	10	34	5.3
Patrick Anderson	9	17	5	39	4.3
Camar Jackson	9	12	4	28	3.1
Chris Cox	9	10	4	24	2.7
Jessie Nicholson	7	3	7	15	2.1
Josh Fernau	7	6	1	15	2.1
Brent Winter	9	4	5	13	1.4
Eric Petterson	7	3	4	10	1.4
Kris O'Brien	8	2	0	5	0.6
Antoine Lathan	6	1	1	3	0.5
Geoffrey Jameson	6	1	1	3	0.5
Taylor Moody	5	1	0	2	0.4
Jason Williams	7	0	2	2	0.3
Randy Gardner	6	0	2	2	0.3

Three-Point Goals: Tatum 31, Nobles 8, Christian 5, Johnston 2, Fernau 2, Nicholson 2, OBrien 1

Midland Lee (7-2)

1997-98 Statistics

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Charncy Ephnam	9	71	19	177	19.7
Robert House	9	33	3	97	10.8
Blake Hinsley	9	22	7	66	7.3
Josh Brewster	9	28	4	60	6.7
Aaron Erdwurm	9	23	9	55	6.1
Orlando Castillo	2	2	4	10	5.0
Dernck Walker	3	3	2	11	3.7
Jake Lacy	9	11	9	31	3.4
Matt Winston	7	7	8	22	3.1
Ken Myers	6	4	3	12	2.0
Brandon Cobb	3	3	0	6	2.0
Keith Rotan	7	2	1	5	0.7

Three-Point Goals: House 26, Hinsley 15, Ephnam 10, Walker 3, Myers 1

First Round Matchups

Midland High vs. Levelland, 8:30 a.m.

MHS is 8-1 on the season and currently ranked No. 7 in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. The Bulldogs' only loss has been to San Antonio Taft, a Final Four team last year. MHS has beaten Levelland this season 95-43 this season. MHS' Kirby Lemons, Charles Tatum and Jay Christian are considered by some as the best three package on one team in the state. MHS has been to the state playoffs five consecutive seasons, including one Final Four berth and two Region I tournament berths under coach Jack Stephenson. Levelland is the only Class 4A team in the field and always plays a strong schedule. Levelland has five returning lettermen from last year and is predicted to finish fourth in a strong 4A district.

El Paso Eastwood vs. Lubbock Monterey, 10:15 a.m.

Eastwood is the defending District 2-5A champion. The Troopers defeated Midland Lee in the area playoffs before losing to MHS in the region quarterfinals last season and have eight lettermen back. Eastwood's Ben Karam has been named as one of the state's best small (5-11) players. Gary Pippen has coached at Eastwood for 32 years. Monterey has made the playoffs six of the last seven years and were eliminated by Lee in bi-district last season. Coach Vic Self owns a 203-89 record at Monterey. The Plainsmen, however, have only one returning letterman from last season.

Odessa High vs. Alamogordo, N.M., noon: Alamogordo has won the Oilman's title three years in a row, beating Lee in the finals last year. The Tigers have won three state championships, a second and a third in the '90s in New Mexico. They were 22-7 last year. Coach Bobby Milliorn is now in his third year with Odessa High and has more experience on his squad than in any of those three seasons with 10 seniors on the squad and have five players over 6-feet tall.

El Paso Hanks vs. Odessa Permian, 1:45 p.m.

Hanks is expected to be a playoff team in 1998 and picked to finish second in district behind Eastwood. The Knights have 10 players over 6-feet tall and three double letter winners, only one less than Midland High, which has four. Permian is considered to have a major shot this year at cracking into the state playoffs under coach Gary Bridges, who tied with Lee and Abilene Cooper for second place last season. The Panthers, however, didn't make the state playoffs, losing to Lee in a district playoff elimination game. Permian JV coach Danny Servance was a player on Permian's last state playoff team.

Allen vs. El Paso Franklin, 3:30 p.m.:

Allen, 19-12 last year, made the state playoffs for the first time as a Class 5A school and have eight lettermen returning. Coach Pat Brown's squad will travel 431 miles to participate in this tournament. Franklin is the favorite in District 1-5A, coming off a 19-12 year. Franklin lost to MHS in the area playoffs last year. Franklin has only been in existence for three years and has had major successes in athletics in several sports already.

El Paso Andress vs. Lubbock Coronado, 5:15 p.m.

This is Andress' first appearance in the Oilman's event and is coming off a disappointing 1-9 district and 8-20 overall season, missing the state playoffs for the first time in the '90s, but now has 10 seniors on the squad. Coronado is expected to be a playoff team from District 3-5A. The Mustangs have been in the playoffs three of the last four seasons. In 13 seasons at the school, coach Barry Voss is 209-135. Eight of 10 varsity players are honor students. Coronado lost to Lee Tuesday at the Chap, 66-64 in OT.

Midland Lee (draws first round bye and will meet Midland High-Levelland winner at 8:45 p.m. today in the second round)

Midland Lee has been to the state playoffs five consecutive years under coach Jon House. Lee made the finals of this tournament last season as is 7-2 on the year, ranked No. 17 in the state in the current TABC poll. Charncy Ephriam and Robert House, both seniors, have given Lee scoring punch and both have been recognized as highly respected players in state circles.

Killeen (draws first round bye and will meet Monterey-Eastwood winner at 7 p.m. in the second round today)

The Killeen Kangaroos are no state secret, having made the state playoffs in nine of the last 12 seasons under coach Bo Burgess. They are currently ranked No. 4 in the state by the TABC and have 12 players over 6-feet and five of those are 6-5 or better. Mike Schwartz, 6-5, is considered one of the best players in the state. Killeen is expected to make a strong run at the Oilman's title this year in their first appearance in the tournament.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

WPHL Standings

Western Professional Hockey League at a glance
By The Associated Press

Eastern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Fort Worth	18	8	5	41	131	112
Shreveport	20	5	0	40	117	65
Austin	17	4	5	39	102	87
Central Texas	15	10	3	33	99	95
Lake Charles	13	12	1	27	100	107
Monroe	11	12	0	22	71	77
Waco	3	22	3	9	78	152

Western Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
El Paso	17	6	4	38	140	97
New Mexico	17	6	2	36	141	78
Amarillo	11	13	3	25	90	119
San Angelo	10	16	2	22	98	131
Odessa	9	17	2	20	116	163

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss.

Wednesday's Games
El Paso 3, Central Texas 1
Shreveport 4, Fort Worth 3, SO
Thursday's Games
New Mexico at Amarillo
Austin at Lake Charles

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Late Tuesday results of the $3.4 million Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association National Finals:

Fifth Round

Bareback—1, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., 86 points on Bar T Rodeo's Copenhagen Jake, $12,310. 2, (tie) Jeff Collins, Wister, Okla., and Cleve Schmidt, Miles City, Mont., 85, $8,020. 4, (tie) Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, and Davey Shields Jr., Canada, 83, $3,544. 6, (tie) Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D.; Clint Corey, Kennewick, Wash.; Kelly Wardell, Bellvue, Idaho, 81, $622.

Steer wrestling—1, (tie) Brad Gleason, Ennis, Mont., and Ivon Nelson, Ocala, Fla., 3.4 seconds, $12,366. 3, (tie) Ivan Teigen, Camp Crook, S.D., and Butch Myers, Athens, Texas, 3.6, $5,297. 5, (tie), Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., and Kirby Kaul, Canyon, Texas, 3.7, $989.

Team roping—1, Randy Polich, Aztec, N.M., and Nick Sarchett, Scottsdale, Ariz., 4.8 seconds, $8,836. 2, **Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, and Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 4.9, $6,621.** 3, Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas, and Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., 5.1, $4,406. 4, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, and Clay O'Brien Cooper, Bandera, Texas, 5.2, $2,215. 5, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., and Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., 5.7, $746. 6, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, and Monty Joe Petska, Carlsbad, N.M., 6.0, $490.

Calf roping—1, Marty Becker, Canada, 7.5 seconds, $14,137. 2, (tie) Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, and Cody Ohl, Orchard, Texas, 7.6, $8,822. 4, Brent Lewis, Eloy, Ariz., 7.7, $3,544. 5, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., 8.5, $1,194. 6, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 8.9, $783.

Saddle bronc—1, Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., 85 points on Kesler Championship Rodeo's Cool Shadows, $12,310. 2, Scott Johnston, DeLeon, Texas, 82, $9,326. 3, Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla., 81, $6,714. 4, (tie) Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont., and Glen O'Neill, Canada, 80, $3,544. 6, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., 78, $1,865.

Barrel racing—1, Peyton Raney, Boyd, Texas, 14.15 seconds, $8,836. 2, Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 14.20, $6,621. **3, Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, 14.39, $4,406.** 4, Cheyenne Wimberley, Stephenville, Texas, 14.46, $2,215. 5, Molly Swanson, Vernon, Texas, 14.48, $746. 6, Charmayne James, Stephenville, Texas, 14.54, $490.

Bull riding—1, Jerome Davis, Archdale, N.C., 86 points on Three Hills Rodeo's Copenhagen Gunsmoke, $12,310. 2, Scott Breding, Edgar, Mont., 85, $9,326. 3, (tie) Travis Sullivan, Moriarty, N.M., and Keith Adams, Fredricksburg, Texas, 84, $5,595. 5, Mike White, Lake Charles, La., 81, $2,611. 6, (tie) Johnny Chavez, Bosque, N.M.; Lee Akin, Weatherford, Okla., Myron Duarte, Post Falls, Idaho, 80, $622.

Wrangler bullfight—1, Greg Rumohr, Cleburne, Texas, 86 points with Beutler and Gaylord Rodeo's No 402, $9,624. 2, Mike Matt, Billings, Mont., 80, $7,0218. 3, Don Yates, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 79, $4,812. 4, Frank Newsom, Granbury, Texas, 77, $2,406.

Average, after five rounds

Bareback—1, Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., 399 points on five head. 2, Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., 398. 3, (tie) Clint Corey, Kennewick, Wash., and Lance Crump, Cooper, Texas, 393.

Steer wrestling—1, Brad Gleason, Ennis, Mont., 20.0 seconds on five head. 2, Lee Graves, Canada, 20.3. 3, Ivan Teigen, Camp Crook, S.D., 21.0. 4, Butch Myers, Athens, Texas, 22.1. 5, Frank Davis, Blackwell, Texas, 23.0.

Team roping—1, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, and Clay O'Brien Cooper, Bandera, Texas, 29.2 seconds on five head. 2, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, and Monty Joe Petska, Carlsbad, N.M., 31.2. 3, Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas, and Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., 42.1. 4, Rube Woolsey, Dewey, Ariz., and Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, 45.8.

Calf roping—1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 43.8 seconds on five head. 2, Cody Ohl, Orchard, Texas, 44.8. 3, Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., 50.1. 4, Brent Lewis, Eloy, Ariz., 50.5.

Saddle bronc—1, Glen O'Neill, Canada, 403 points on five head. 2, Scott Johnston, DeLeon, Texas, 392. 3, Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla., 390. 4, Robert Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., 387.

Barrel racing—1, Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 71.86 seconds in five runs. **2, Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, 72.16.** 3, Molly Swanson, Vernon, Texas, 72.72. 4, Tacy Lynn Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., 72.84.

Bull riding—1, Scott Mendes, Weatherford, Texas, 401 point on five head. 2, Jerome Davis, Archdale, N.C., 341 on four head. 3, Johnny Chavez, Bosque, N.M., 330. 4, Keith Adams, Fredricksburg, Texas, 258 on three head.

PRCA Standings

All-Around—1, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., $157,329. 2, Cody Ohl, Orchard, Texas, $135,795. 3, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, $124,900. 4, Rope Myers, Van, Texas, $106,434. 5, Marty Becker, Canada, $87,858.

Saddle bronc—1, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., $155,406. 2, Robert Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., $114,362. 3, Ryan Mapston, Arlee, Mont., $104,889. 4, Glen O'Neill, Canada, $94,958. 5, Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., $85,823.

Bareback—1, Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, $96,264. 2, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., $86,216. 3, Jeffrey Collins, Wister, Okla., $88,261. 4, Larry Sandvick, Kaycee, Wyo., $85,458. 5, Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., $82,275.

Bull riding—1, Jerome Davis, Archdale, N.C., $92,389. 2, Scott Breding, Edgar, Mont., $83,306. 3, Kelly Armstrong, Canada, $78,412. 4, Scott Mendes, Weatherford, Okla., $77,467. 5, Keith Adams, Fredricksburg, Texas, $73,128.

Calf roping—1, Cody Ohl, Orchard, Texas, $121,845. 2, Stran Smith, Tell, Texas, $107,562. 3, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, $90,125. 4, Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, $84,230. 5, Marty Becker, Canada, $83,128.

Steer wrestling—1, Rope Myers, Van, Texas, $99,222. 2, Brad Gleason, Ennis, Mont., $95,488. 3, Ivan Teigen, Camp Crook, S.D., $86,986. 4, Tom Duvall, Henryetta, Okla., $86,001. 5, Frank Davis, Blackwell, Texas, $75,389.

Team roping (headers)—1, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., $83,331. 2, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, $72,914. 3, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., $64,646. 4, Rube Woolsey, Dewey, Ariz., $53,950. 5, Walt Rodman, Galt, Calif., $53,845.

Team roping (heelers)—1, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, $80,874. **2, Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, $72,824.** 3, Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., $64,646. 4, Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, $53,770. 5, Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., $53,105.

Barrel racing—1, **Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, $123,153.** 2, Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., $122,326. 3, Kay Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, $96,346. 4, Fallon Taylor, Pondar, Texas, $96,566. 5, Charmayne James, Stephenville, Texas, $54,445.

NBA Results

Standings

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	14	5	.737	—
Orlando	15	7	.682	1/2
New Jersey	11	9	.550	3 1/2
New York	11	9	.550	3 1/2
Washington	9	12	.429	6
Boston	8	11	.421	6
Philadelphia	5	13	.278	8 1/2

Central Division

Atlanta	15	4	.789	—
Cleveland	13	6	.722	2
Charlotte	12	7	.632	3
Indiana	11	7	.611	3 1/2
Chicago	12	8	.600	3 1/2
Milwaukee	11	9	.550	4 1/2
Detroit	9	12	.429	7
Toronto	2	19	.095	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	12	5	.706	—
Utah	12	8	.600	1 1/2
San Antonio	11	10	.524	3
Minnesota	8	11	.421	5
Vancouver	7	14	.333	7
Dallas	5	14	.263	8
Denver	2	17	.105	11

Pacific Division

Seattle	16	5	.762	—
L.A. Lakers	15	5	.750	1/2
Phoenix	12	5	.706	2
Portland	12	6	.667	2 1/2
Sacramento	7	14	.333	9
L.A. Clippers	4	17	.190	12
Golden State	3	15	.167	11 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Charlotte 104, Washington 101
Cleveland 102, Denver 83
Toronto 104, Philadelphia 97
Orlando 106, Chicago 98
Boston 96, Milwaukee 91
Golden State 93, L.A. Lakers 92
San Antonio 102, L.A. Clippers 87
Indiana at Portland, (n)
Thursday's Games
Minnesota at New York, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Boxes

Spurs 102, Clippers 87

L.A. CLIPPERS (87): Rogers 5-9 2-4 12, Wright 1-5 0-0 2, Vrankovic 2-5 1-2 5, Piatkowski 4-8 0-0 11, Richardson 2-2 0-0 4, Martin 4-10 0-0 10, Murray 3-13 0-1 7, Closs 5-11 0-0 10, Taylor 4-11 2-4 10, J.Robinson 2-5 1-2 5, Barry 2-5 7-7 11, Collins 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 34-86 13-20 87.

SAN ANTONIO (102): Elliott 5-11 1-2 12, Duncan 6-17 2-4 14, D.Robinson 6-12 18-20 30, Del Negro 8-14 5-5 22, Johnson 3-5 3-4 9, Perdue 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 1-3 0-2 2, Jackson 5-6 0-0 11, Alexander 0-0 2-2 2, Rose 0-0 0-0 0, Person 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 34-71 31-39 102.

L.A. Clippers 22 23 25 17 — 87
San Antonio 34 23 18 27 — 102

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 6-17 (Piatkowski 3-4, Martin 2-4, Murray 1-3, Robinson 0-1, Barry 0-2, Collins 0-2, Rogers 0-1), San Antonio 3-7 (Jackson 1-1, Del Negro 1-1, Elliot 1-3, Person 0-2). Fouled out—Wright. Rebounds—Los Angeles 51 (Rogers 9), San Antonio 53 (Duncan 12). Assists—Los Angeles 18 (Martin 5), San Antonio 29 (Johnson 20). Total fouls—Los Angeles 24, San Antonio 20. Technicals—Martin, J.Robinson (2). Ejections—J.Robinson. A—14,982 (20,557).

Warriors 93, Lakers 92

L.A. LAKERS (92): Horry 0-5 0-0 0, Fox 5-9 0-1 10, Campbell 6-18 7-9 19, Jones 3-4 2-4 10, Van Exel 2-11 2-3 7, Bryant 7-15 4-8 20, Barry 3-7 2-2 8, Blount 3-4 2-2 8, Fisher 1-1 2-2 4, Rooks 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 33-78 21-31 92.

GOLDEN STATE (93): Marshall 5-10 0-0 10, Smith 9-17 9-10 27, Dampier 6-16 7-8 19, Shaw 3-7 0-0 7, Coles 3-8 2-2 8, Bogues 0-4 0-0 0, Ferrell 0-2 0-0 0, Delk 8-14 2-3 18, Spencer 1-1 1-1 3, Vaughn 0-4 1-2 1. Totals 35-83 22-26 93.

LA Lakers 19 32 26 15 — 92
Golden St. 19 25 30 19 — 93

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 5-13 (Jones 2-3, Bryant 2-3, Van Exel 1-5, Barry 0-2), Golden State 1-5 (Shaw 1-3, Coles 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 54 (Campbell 9), Golden State 53 (Dampier 16). Assists—Los Angeles 21 (Van Exel 8), Golden State 26 (Coles 6, Bogues 6). Total fouls—Los Angeles 24, Golden State 28. A—13,414 (19,200).

Celtics 96, Bucks 91

MILWAUKEE (91): Robinson 2-3 2-2 6, Hill 4-8 3-4 11, Johnson 3-5 2-3 8, Brandon 6-13 5-6 17, Allen 8-20 6-6 23, Gilliam 6-12 3-3 15, Curry 0-4 0-0 0, Perry 0-4 0-0 0, Pierce 3-4 3-4 11. Totals 32-73 24-28 91.

BOSTON (96): McCarty 6-10 3-4 16, Walker 9-17 0-1 19, Knight 5-11 2-2 13, Billups 4-13 10-12 21, Mercer 5-9 2-2 12, Bowen 1-5 2-2 4, DeClercq 0-1 0-0 0, Edney 2-4 0-0 4, Minor 1-4 0-0 2, Barros 2-6 0-0 5, Jones 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 35-83 19-23 96.

Milwaukee 21 16 20 32 — 91
Boston 26 22 29 19 — 96

3-Point goals—Milwaukee 3-11 (Pierce 2-2, Allen 1-5, Perry 0-1, Brandon 0-3), Boston 7-18 (Billups 3-5, McCarty 1-2, Walker 1-2, Knight 1-2, Barros 1-3, Minor 0-1, Jones 0-1, Bowen 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 43 (Hill 16), Boston 54 (Knight 10). Assists—Milwaukee 20 (Allen 5), Boston 19 (Edney 5). Total fouls—Milwaukee 16, Boston 26. Technicals—Hill, Robinson (2), Boston, illegal defense (4). Ejection—Robinson. A—17,012 (18,624).

Cavaliers 102, Nuggets 83

DENVER (83): Ellis 7-16 0-0 14, Battie 3-11 2-2 8, Garrett 1-2 2-2 4, Washington 6-14 4-6 19, Jackson 4-11 2-2 10, Newman 1-5 5-6 7, Goldwire 1-3 0-0 2, Fortson 3-6 4-6 10, Lauderdale 2-4 0-0 4, Garris 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 30-74 19-24 83.

CLEVELAND (102): Henderson 2-9 5-6 9, Kemp 7-14 3-5 17, Ilgauskas 4-9 4-6 12, Person 7-14 1-2 18, Knight 4-6 2-2 10, Anderson 2-5 2-2 7, Ferry 3-8 1-1 7, Potapenko 1-5 3-4 5, James 5-8 2-2 14, Scott 1-2 1-1 3. Totals 36-80 24-31 102.

Denver 16 22 22 23 — 83
Cleveland 28 22 25 27 — 102

3-Point goals—Denver 4-14 (Washington 3-7, Garris 1-1, Goldwire 0-1, Ellis 0-2, Jackson 0-3), Cleveland 6-13 (Person 3-5, James 2-5, Anderson 1-1, Ferry 0-2). Fouled out—Battie. Rebounds—Denver 51 (Jackson 13), Cleveland 49 (Kemp 12). Assists—Denver 17 (Jackson 6), Cleveland 28 (Knight 7). Total fouls—Denver 24, Cleveland 17. Technicals—Lauderdale, Ilgauskas. A—15,353 (20,562).

Raptors 104, 76ers 97

TORONTO (104): Camby 3-8 6-8 12, Miller 3-7 5-7 11, Tabak 5-9 1-1 11, W.Williams 11-18 11-12 39, Stoudamire 3-15 4-4 10, Wallace 6-16 2-2 14, McGrady 1-5 0-0 2, Slater 2-4 1-1 5, Garner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-82 30-35 104.

PHILADELPHIA (97): Jackson 5-11 0-0 11, Weatherspoon 5-13 4-6 14, Montross 4-6 0-0 8, Stackhouse 7-14 4-5 19, Iverson 8-16 5-11 21, Thomas 2-6 0-0 5, Davis 3-6 3-4 9, Cummings 2-5 3-4 7, S.Williams 1-5 1-2 3, Walters 0-0 0-0 0, Overton 0-1 0-0 0, Parker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-83 20-32 97.

Toronto 23 34 23 24 — 104
Phila. 38 16 15 28 — 97

3-Point goals—Toronto 6-10 (W.Williams 6-8, Stoudamire 0-1, McGrady 0-1), Philadelphia 3-9 (Thomas 1-1, Stackhouse 1-2, Jackson 1-3, Davis 0-1, Cummings 0-1, S.Williams 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 55 (Miller 11), Philadelphia 56 (Weatherspoon 11). Assists—Toronto 27 (Stoudamire 14), Philadelphia 25 (Jackson 8). Total fouls—Toronto 28, Philadelphia 23. Technicals—Philadelphia coach Brown 2. Ejection—Philadelphia coach Brown. A—11,833 (20,444).

Hornets 104, Wizards 101

WASHINGTON (101): Webber 6-15 0-2 15, Howard 8-18 7-7 23, Davis 3-5 0-0 6, Strickland 3-14 4-4 10, Cheaney 4-10 2-2 10, Murray 3-7 2-2 9, Grant 0-1 2-2 2, Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Eackles 8-11 4-5 24, Whitney 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 36-84 21-24 101.

CHARLOTTE (104): Mason 8-13 2-2 18, Rice 10-15 7-7 29, Divac 5-10 5-6 15, Wesley 2-7 1-2 6, Phills 2-7 0-0 4, Curry 5-17 0-0 12, Reid 3-6 3-4 9, Armstrong 3-7 0-0 7, Geiger 2-5 0-2 4. Totals 40-87 18-23 104.

Wash'ton 30 18 21 32 — 101
Charlotte 31 23 29 21 — 104

3-Point goals—Washington 8-16 (Eackles 4-6, Webber 3-5, Murray 1-2, Strickland 0-1, Whitney 0-2), Charlotte 6-14 (Rice 2-2, Curry 2-6, Wesley 1-1, Armstrong 1-3, Phills 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Washington 54 (Davis 12), Charlotte 49 (Mason 10). Assists—Washington 21 (Strickland 8), Charlotte 27 (Curry 7). Total fouls—Washington 21, Charlotte 21. Technicals—Mason, Charlotte illegal defense. Flagrant foul—Reid. A—21,155 (24,042).

Magic 106, Bulls 98

CHICAGO (98): Kukoc 10-18 1-2 24, Rodman 2-4 2-3 6, Longley 4-13 1-2 9, Jordan 6-17 13-13 25, R.Harper 8-13 3-4 20, Brown 3-4 0-0 6, Kerr 0-4 0-0 0, Buechler 0-1 0-0 0, Burrell 1-3 0-0 2, Caffey 1-2 0-1 2, Kleine 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 36-80 22-27 98.

ORLANDO (106): Grant 7-15 3-3 17, Outlaw 3-9 2-4 8, Seikaly 5-14 16-17 26, Price 7-12 2-2 17, Wilkins 3-9 1-2 9, Armstrong 4-8 2-2 10, D.Harper 4-6 0-0 9, Evans 1-4 2-2 4, Schayes 2-6 2-3 6. Totals 36-83 30-35 106.

Chicago 23 29 23 23 — 98
Orlando 23 24 24 35 — 106

3-Point goals—Chicago 4-14 (Kukoc 3-6, R.Harper 1-2, Jordan 0-1, Buechler 0-1, Caffey 0-1, Kerr 0-3), Orlando 4-15 (Wilkins 2-6, D.Harper 1-2, Price 1-3, Outlaw 0-1, Evans 0-1, Armstrong 0-2). Fouled out—Longley. Rebounds—Chicago 47 (Rodman 16), Orlando 54 (Outlaw 16). Assists—Chicago 27 (Kukoc 7), Orlando 15 (Wilkins, Armstrong 3). Total fouls—Chicago 23, Orlando 21. Technicals—Brown. Flagrant fouls—Rodman. A—17,248 (17,248).

NFL

NFL Standings

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	9	5	0	.643	334	253
Miami	9	5	0	.643	327	272
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571	307	274
Buffalo	6	8	0	.429	220	316
Indianapolis	2	12	0	.143	244	362

Central

y-Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	342	270
Jacksonville	9	5	0	.643	354	295
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	298	283
Baltimore	5	8	1	.393	291	310
Cincinnati	5	9	0	.357	308	367

West

y-Kansas City	11	3	0	.786	321	212
y-Denver	11	3	0	.786	417	250
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	305	332
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	294	377
San Diego	4	10	0	.286	256	358

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	5	1	.607	257	248
Washington	7	6	1	.536	282	227
Philadelphia	6	7	1	.464	268	317
Dallas	6	8	0	.429	273	263
Arizona	3	11	0	.214	244	326

Central

x-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	360	251
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643	268	217
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	302	317
Detroit	7	7	0	.500	352	283
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	235	380

West

x-San Fran.	12	2	0	.857	332	210
Carolina	7	7	0	.500	237	253
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	274	315
New Orleans	5	9	0	.357	197	292
St. Louis	4	10	0	.286	259	328

x-won division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
Washington at New York Giants, 11:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh at New England, 3 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Dallas at Cincinnati, noon
Detroit at Minnesota, noon
Tennessee at Baltimore, noon
Jacksonville at Buffalo, noon
Miami at Indianapolis, noon
Philadelphia at Atlanta, noon
Tampa Bay at New York Jets, noon
Arizona at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
Green Bay at Carolina, 3 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 3 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Monday's Game
Denver at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

NFL Possibilities

By The Associated Press

The Week 16 NFL playoff possibilities as released by the league.

AFC EAST

NEW ENGLAND: Can clinch division title with a win AND a Miami loss AND a N.Y. Jets loss or tie. Can clinch playoff berth with a win OR a Jets loss.

MIAMI: Can clinch playoff berth with a win OR a N.Y. Jets loss.

AFC CENTRAL

PITTSBURGH: Has clinched a playoff berth. Can clinch division title with a win AND a Jacksonville loss or tie. Can clinch a first-round bye with a win AND a Jacksonville loss or tie AND a Miami loss or tie.

JACKSONVILLE: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win OR a N.Y. Jets loss.

AFC WEST

KANSAS CITY: Has clinched a playoff berth. Can clinch division title, a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a win AND a Denver loss.

DENVER: Has clinched a playoff berth.

NFC EAST

N.Y. GIANTS: Can clinch division title with a win OR tie. Can clinch a playoff berth a Carolina loss or tie AND a Detroit loss or tie.

WASHINGTON: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win AND a Carolina loss or tie AND a Detroit loss or tie AND a Philadelphia loss or tie.

NFC CENTRAL

GREEN BAY: Has clinched division title and a first-round bye.

TAMPA BAY: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win OR two of the following: a Detroit loss or tie; a Washington loss; a Carolina loss or tie.

MINNESOTA: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win.

NFC WEST

SAN FRANCISCO: Has clinched division title and first-round playoff bye. Can clinch home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a win OR a Green Bay loss.

Other Scenarios For Teams in Contention

AFC EAST

N.Y. JETS: Can clinch division title with two wins AND a Miami loss to Indianapolis AND a New England loss to Pittsburgh AND a tie in the Miami-New England game. Can clinch a playoff berth with two wins AND two Miami losses or two New England losses or two Jacksonville losses. (cannot earn a playoff berth with only one win).

NFC EAST

PHILADELPHIA: Can clinch a playoff berth with two wins AND two of the following: a Carolina loss or a Detroit loss or two Minnesota losses.

Can also clinch a playoff berth with a win at Washington AND a Washington loss to the N.Y. Giants, a Dallas loss, two Detroit losses, two Carolina losses and an Atlanta loss to Arizona (cannot earn a playoff berth with loss at Washington).

DALLAS: Can clinch a playoff berth with two wins AND two Washington losses AND a Philadelphia loss to Atlanta AND two Detroit losses AND two Carolina losses AND an Atlanta loss to Arizona. (cannot earn a playoff berth with only one win).

NFC WEST

ATLANTA: Can clinch a playoff berth with two wins and each of the following: two Washington losses AND two Detroit losses AND two Carolina losses (cannot earn a playoff berth with only one win).

Transactions

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BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with C Charlie O'Brien on a two-year contract and C Chad Kreuter on a one-year contract. Designated THP Al Levine and LHP Larry Thomas for assignment. Named Wallace Johnson third base coach.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with DH Chili Davis on a two-year contract.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Named Harvey Dorfman instructor and counselor.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Rance Mullinks and George Bell roving hitting instructors, Bruce Walton roving pitching instructor, Ernie Whitt roving catching instructor, Hector Torres roving infield instructor and Garth Iorg roving defensive instructor. Named Terry Bevington manager and Lloyd Moseby hitting coach of Syracuse of the International League. Named Bill Monboquette pitching coach and J.J. Cannon coach of Knoxville of the Southern League. Named Rocket Wheeler manager, Rick Langford pitching coach and Dennis Holmberg coach of Dunedin of the Florida State League. Named Marty Pevey manager and Paul Elliott coach of Hagerstown of the South Atlantic League. Named Duane Larson manager and Neil Allen pitching coach of St. Catharines of the New York-Penn League. Named Rolando Pino manager, Lester Strryker pitching coach and Randy Phillips coach of Medicine Hat of the Pioneer League.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Acquired OF Curtis Goodwin from the Cincinnati Reds for RHP Mark Hutton.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Traded RHP Dave Veres and a player to be named to the Colorado Rockies for OF Terry Jones and a player to be named.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with LHP Jeff Tabaka on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS—Placed G Dee Brown on the injured list. Activated F Dontae' Jones from the injured list.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed Wayne Embry, general manager, to a two-year contract extension through the 1999-2000 season.

ORLANDO MAGIC—Placed G Penny Hardaway and G Nick Anderson on the injured list. Activated C Jason Lawson from the injured list. Signed G Carl Thomas.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed TE Walter Rasby on injured reserve. Signed LB Myron Baker. Signed TE Bill Khayat to the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS—Placed RB Raymont Harris on injured reserve. Waived G Evan Pilgrim. Signed RB Ronnie Harmon. Signed RB Michael Hicks off the practice squad and RB James Allen off the Philadelphia Eagles' practice squad.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed DT Ty Parten to a two-year contract and re-signed S Vann Washington to the practice squad. Waived WR Anthony Rodgers from the practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed LB Derrick Barnes to the practice squad.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed WR Anthony Rodgers.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Claimed LB Darryl Hardy off waivers from the Dallas Cowboys. Placed DT Cortez Kennedy on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Assigned G Pat Jablonski to Cleveland of the IHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Assigned C Brendan Morrison, LW Reid Simpson and LW Dody Wood to Albany of the AHL.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Sent RW Paul Healey to Philadelphia of the AHL.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Sent D Rich Brennan to Kentucky of the AHL.

HORSE RACING

NEW JERSEY SPORTS AUTHORITY—Named Steve Schwartz director of media information for Monmouth Park and the Meadowlands racetracks.

SOCCER

National Professional Soccer League

DETROIT ROCKERS—Agreed to terms with F Dennis Brose on a multiyear contract.

COLLEGE

ARKANSAS—Named Houston Nutt football coach.

BOISE STATE—Named Dirk Koetter football coach.

JERSEY CITY STATE—Named John Calcaterra men's soccer coach.

LSU—Announced the resignation of Carl Reese, defensive coordinator, so he can take the same position at Texas.

MANHATTAN—Named Tim McIntee men's lacrosse coach.

MOREHEAD STATE—Extended the contract of Matt Ballard, football coach, through the 2002 season.

NEBRASKA—Announced the retirement of Tom Osborne, football coach. Named Frank Solich football coach.

NORTH CAROLINA-GREENSBORO—Announced G Joseph Pryor left the basketball team.

PENN—Announced the resignation of Margaret Feeney, women's volleyball coach, effective Dec. 31.

Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 11:

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water clear, low. Very few fishermen out.

KEMP: Water fairly clear, low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait fished in deep water and on hellbenders. Catfish are good on cheese bait and on cut shad.

O.H.IVIE: Water fairly clear; Black bass and smallmouth are fair on Texas-rigged worms fished over main lake points and on crank baits. Some action on the main lake on jigs during the midday period. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows fished in deep water and around barges. Catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch and cut bait. Yellow catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch fished in the river.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, low; Black bass up to 7 pounds are slow to fair on jigs. Striped and white bass are fair to good on slabs and live bait. Crappie are fair to good on minnows fished around the docks. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and trotlines baited with cut bait.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; normal level; 75 degrees. Black bass are fair to good on Slimy Slugs fished on the edge of the grass. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and small white or yellow jigs fished in deep water and around boat docks with brush. Catfish are good on Mike King's Punch Bait and on night crawlers.

BELTON: Water clear; low. Black bass to 4 pounds are slow to fair on crank baits fished on secondary points and on jigging spoons fished in deep water drop offs. White bass and hybrids are good on jigging spoons and live bait fished in deep water. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows fished in deep water. Catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear; normal level; Black bass are slow. Hybrid stripers are fair on live bait. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around boat docks with brush piles. Large channel and blue catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and shad fished around the dam.

WACO: Water murky; normal level; 56 degrees; Black bass are slow. White bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on live minnows fished in 30 feet of water. Catfish are fair on cut bait.

WHITNEY: Water clear; 57 degrees; Black bass and small mouth are slow to fair on jigs and on deep-diving crank baits. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait and on spoons fished in deep water. White bass are fair on jigging spoons fished in deep water.

Rice gets approval for practice, heading for Monday night return

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Jerry Rice received medical clearance Wednesday to resume practice without restrictions and, barring a setback to his surgically repaired knee, likely will play for San Francisco against Denver on Monday night.

Rice, sidelined since tearing two ligaments and damaging cartilage in his left knee during the season opener at Tampa Bay on Aug. 31, began practicing on a limited basis last week.

Coach Steve Mariucci has said Rice would need a week of unrestricted practices before resuming play and the clearance he received from team physician Dr. Michael Dillingham coincided with the start of the team's preparations for the Broncos.

The 49ers also sought a second opinion, and Dr. Gary Losse, an orthopedic surgeon for the San Diego Chargers, concluded Rice's knee was stable and had returned to normal strength.

Dillingham said a final decision would be made on Rice's status for game night later this week. Wednesday, he was officially listed as doubtful, though that could be upgraded over the next couple of days.

"He has faithfully and vigorously adhered to a rigorous rehabilitation program," said Dillingham, who operated on Rice's knee the day after he suffered the first major injury in his 13-year career.

"As a result, he has been able to achieve a level of strength, endurance and flexibility that has allowed medical clearance at this time to return to practice, surpassing our initial expectations."

It was initially believed Rice, the NFL's career leader in touchdowns, catches and receiving yards, would miss the rest of the season. But he pursued his rehabilitation program with the same zeal as his offseason workouts and has consistently made quicker progress than expected.

Mariucci said Monday that if Rice plays, he would be phased back into the offense, most likely as the team's third receiver.

"It's pretty amazing to see him move the way he moves after having that type of surgery," strong safety Tim McDonald said.



AP Laserphoto

San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice puts on his knee brace during practice at the 49ers training camp in Santa Clara.

NFL commissioner to team execs: Back off the referees

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL wants to make sure game officials don't have to confront angry club executives on the field.

Acting on a complaint from the Washington Redskins, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue has told front-office personnel to leave the arguing to players and coaches.

NFL officials said Tagliabue's memo, first reported in Wednesday's Washington Post, was prompted by the sideline shouting of Dallas owner Jerry Jones during the Cowboys' 17-14 victory over Washington on Nov. 16.

"It is important to avoid conduct that may be interpreted as an effort to intimidate or influence officials during the game," Tagliabue said in a Nov. 26 memo sent to chief executives, presidents, general managers and coaches.

"Contact with officials should be limited to the coaching staff and players in uniform only. Other members of the club's organization should scrupulously avoid any contact whatsoever with the officiating crew."

Tagliabue also restated league policy on criticizing game officials: Critiques of officiating or opponents' tactics should be not be made to the media but in a written report to the league.

Public criticism of officiating is usually punished by a fine. One exception occurred in 1991, when Jimmy Johnson, then coaching at Dallas, berated the officiating in a loss to the New York Giants. He was not fined, which some saw as a tacit admission by the NFL that Johnson was correct.

Owner vows major shake-up of Bills

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Two games remain on the Buffalo Bills' 1997 schedule, but owner Ralph Wilson is already planning to make a number of major changes in the off-season.

Three days after the Bills officially were eliminated from the playoffs with a 20-3 loss to the Chicago Bears, Wilson told The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle that a major shakeup is in order, which may include finding a new quarterback to replace Todd Collins.

But not a new coach.

Wilson reaffirmed that 73-year-old Marv Levy can lead the team for as long as he wants.

"We talk about the future as far as him being coach," Wilson said. "Retiring has never come up. I want to straighten things out here with Marv, not without him. I've never given that a second, third or fourth thought."

With the Bills' future in western New York contingent on a new lease deal that requires the sale of luxury seating, winning is more critical. Attendance has been slipping at home games all season, and 35,000 tickets remain for Sunday's game against Jacksonville.

Wilson aimed most of his complaints Tuesday at the offense, which has scored the second fewest touchdowns in the NFL (22) this season.

"I'm disappointed in this year because our defense has played so great," he said.

"They've been on the field spilling their blood. But the offense is about as disappointing as I've seen an offense get in the NFL. Granted, we don't have 11 All-Pros, but we've got some good players out there. So it's extremely disappointing."

When Wilson sits down with Levy and general manager John Butler after Christmas, Collins' future may be the biggest question.

Wilson said he may have lost faith that the former second-round pick can develop into a bonafide NFL starter.



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players in their season of discontent?

"We're going to play for a win," Switzer says. "We still have a chance for a .500 season. Jerry (Jones, the owner) and the fans deserve a full day's play for a full day's pay. This team has pride. It's not going to lay down."

Switzer said there will be a tendency to play some younger players only because some of the older ones are hurting.

"We'd like to play some of our young people if the older players are hurting," Switzer said. "We're going to play hard even if we are out of it."

Defensive tackle Tony Casillas, who played for Switzer at Oklahoma, said "it's going to be very difficult to take the field knowing that we aren't going anywhere. And it will be difficult to sit at home in three weeks watching other teams in the playoffs. It's humiliating to know you should win. But we'll keep playing hard."

Aikman said he expects the team to come to play.

"It will be disappointing if we didn't go out and give great effort in the last two games," the quarterback said. "We still have to finish out the season and we should still give our best effort."

Running back Sherman Williams said, "nobody feels good. We're all feeling the pain. But we have to go out and work hard and try to better ourselves in the last two games."

The Cowboys have a long list of injuries. Tight end Eric Bjornson will be out the rest of the season with a fractured ankle and running back Emmitt Smith has a bad shoulder that could keep him from playing.

Offensive linemen Erik Williams and Nate Newton also are nursing injuries.

"We'll go with the healthy ones," Switzer said. "We have to go up there and face a hot quarterback (Boomer Esiason) in a cold town. It won't be easy."

Jones said the Cowboys need to win the last two games "to set the tone for next season." The owner, however, has yet to say who will coach the Cowboys next year.

MVP: Packers 11-3 this season

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7-1 mark for their third straight NFC Central crown.

"I think I've definitely played as well as I have in the past," Favre said Wednesday. "Numbers are deceiving. Just because I don't put up 40 touchdowns ... you know, an MVP to me is a guy you count on every down to win ball games for you. Not that other guys on your team are not important, but as a quarterback you have the ball every play and what do you do with it?"

Favre acknowledged he's made his share of dangerous throws this season — "it's in my blood, I want to win so bad. But I definitely think I've stated my claim."

"I think you got to look at records, and we're one game out of the best record in the NFL," Favre said. "We're defending champions. Every week has been tough, a battle. Big games, that's another thing: in big games how have you performed?"

The Packers have won all four of their "statement" games this season, against New England in October and the last three weeks against Dallas, Minnesota and Tampa Bay.

Will it be enough for Favre to beat out the likes of Detroit's Barry Sanders, Denver's Terrell Davis and San Francisco's Steve Young?

"It'll be a little bit tougher this year," Favre acknowledged.

Nonsense, said his general manager, Ron Wolf.

"I don't know how many times I've got to say this, he's the best player in the NFL," Wolf said. "I'll have to say it in a different language."

Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy didn't need any translator on Sunday.

"He showed why he's the MVP of the league," Dungy said after Favre's two incomparable and improvisational touchdown passes beat Tampa Bay 17-6. "He does things you really can't plan for."

Indeed.

"He's a river boat gambler," Bucs defensive tackle Warren Sapp said. "He puts it all on the line, and he gets it done for them. He's the best in the business."

On Sunday, Favre found Dorsey Levens for an 8-yard score after he was chased out of the pocket, scrambled full-tilt up the middle and came dangerously close to crossing the line of scrimmage before hitting Levens.

"That was one that only he can make," Holmgren said. "Not too many quarterbacks would even try that play. Brett is able to control the game, and this season he's doing it so well.

"I don't know what else we could ask of Brett Favre."

Favre said there might be sentiment for voters to find a fresh face.

"I won't lose any sleep over it, but I think I've done everything I can possibly do," he said.

Nothing Favre does seems to be good enough, center Frank Winters said.

"I think people aren't happy with 30 touchdowns, they want him to throw 45, 50 touchdowns to get his third MVP," Winters said.

"He hasn't been Superman this year," receiver Antonio Freeman said. "But while the rest of us had our ups and downs, he's been steady and kept this team on the right track."

Favre leads the league with 3,455 passing yards and 30 touchdowns to go with 15 interceptions.

Where he's really polished his play, Holmgren said, is in his command of the offense, control of the game, his audible calls and in his unparalleled elusiveness.

"I feel this year, decision making and leadership has been the best I've ever had," Favre agreed. "And that's the stuff you don't see in the stat sheet."

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COACH: Health cited as reason for decision

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ly show any emotion ... but there was a tear in his eye."

At the crowded news conference, the coach once again showed his emotions. Usually stoical and composed, his eyes welled up as four of his players took the podium in front of about 300 people to offer their thanks.

"I care very much about those guys so that's what's been most difficult," Osborne said. "I hope at some point they will realize that I'm trying to do what's the best thing for them."

Osborne rejected the idea of continuing to coach while delegating duties to top assistants. He said he didn't want to become a "figurehead coach." Longtime assistant Frank Solich, the running backs coach, will take over the team.

For a quarter-century, Osborne and Nebraska have been perennial powers, winning national titles in 1994 and 1995 and making 25 straight bowl appearances, including the upcoming Orange Bowl game.

But Osborne also had to weather his share of criticism in recent years for allowing players facing criminal charges to remain on the field. In 1995, he reinstated star tailback Lawrence Phillips to the team even after Phillips pleaded no contest to charges he assaulted an ex-girlfriend.

Osborne retires as the sixth winningest coach in NCAA Division I-A history, behind Bear Bryant, Pop Warner, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden.

Bowden, coach at Florida State, said he was "saddened" by Osborne's retirement.

"I just hate it," he said. "Tom Osborne is one of the good guys in coaching and in any profession. He's an icon in Nebraska and in this nation."

The Cornhuskers are 59-3 over the past five seasons and have won at least 11 games in each of them, an NCAA record.

Osborne also is the winningest coach in the history of The Associated Press football poll. Since he took over in 1973, his teams have been ranked in 396 of 399 polls. Of those rankings, 327 have been in the top 10, including a current streak of 86 weeks.

Osborne's announcement follows the recent retirements of two of the most prominent coaches in college sports — Eddie Robinson of Division I-AA Grambling, the winningest coach in college football; and Dean Smith of North Carolina, the winningest coach in college basketball.

Despite all his accomplishments, Osborne perhaps will be best remembered for his gutsy decision to go for two points and a win over Miami in the 1984 Orange Bowl.

After the Huskers pulled within 31-30 with 48 seconds left, they needed only a tie for the national title. The 2-point conversion pass was incomplete and Miami ended up with the championship.

"He accomplished it all," said Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer, who as coach of the rival Oklahoma Sooners battled Osborne for years in the old Big Eight Conference."

But with 15-hour days routine for many coaches, Osborne said it was time to slow down.

"What I've come to realize over the last three months is that I'm not going to sustain that pace for any length of time," he said.

He was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, which can produce varied and irregular heartbeats, and Osborne said patients are sometimes at risk for strokes.

Osborne predicted the Huskers won't change much under Solich, a 19-year assistant who has worked closely with the coach in designing Nebraska's offense.

"I don't know how you replace Tom Osborne as much as you follow him," Solich said. "In his 25 years, nobody has equaled him."

Osborne has a 254-49-3 career record — and hopes to finish with win No. 255.

He said he didn't think his decision to retire would affect the resolve of the Cornhuskers (12-0) to beat Tennessee (11-1) in the Orange Bowl. Nonetheless, he said he hasn't even thought about strategy.

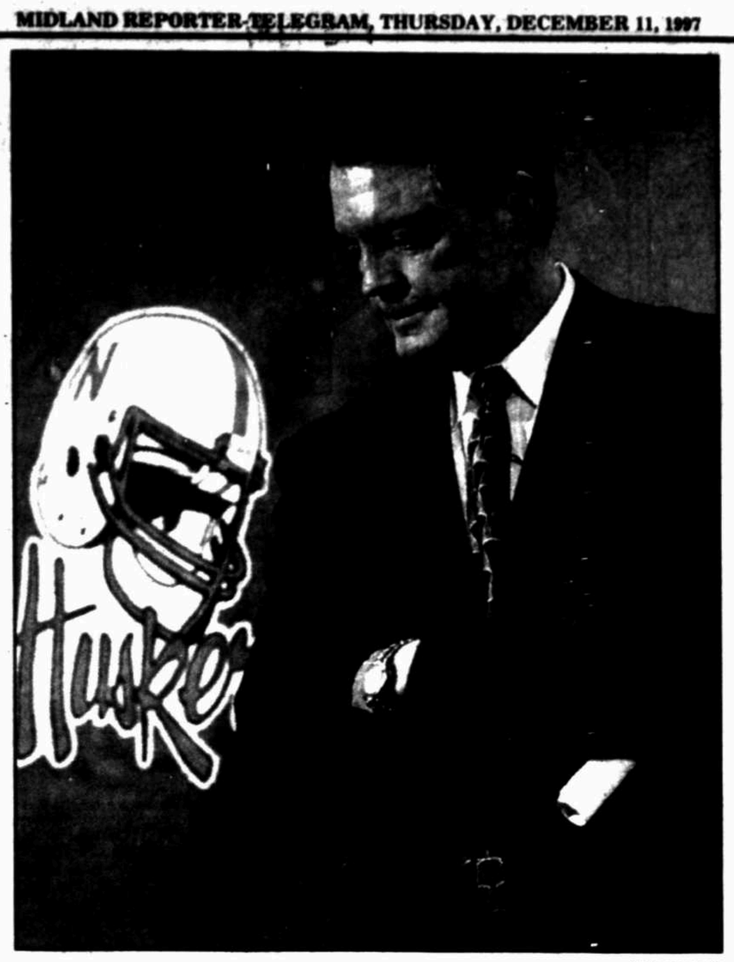
Osborne was an assistant coach to Bob Devaney's team that won titles in 1970 and 1971. Much like Solich taking over for Osborne, Devaney picked Osborne as his successor in 1973.

After his 1959 graduation from Hastings College, he played three seasons in the NFL — two with the Washington Redskins and one with the San Francisco 49ers.

Osborne returned to Nebraska as a graduate assistant to Devaney in 1962. He became a part-time coach in 1964, full-time receiver coach in 1967 and later offensive coordinator under Devaney, who saw something special in the tall, thin, mild-mannered assistant.

Osborne had trouble beating rival Oklahoma early in his career, drawing the ire of some Nebraska fans. He ended a five-game losing streak to the Sooners and Switzer in 1978, only to have Oklahoma selected as Nebraska's Orange Bowl opponent. Switzer won the return match 31-24.

Osborne later used his early experiences with Oklahoma to reflect on struggles to win bowl games. Seven straight bowl losses from 1987 through 1993 gave him a label of being unable to win the big games.



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Tom Osborne, Nebraska's football coach for the past 25 years, announces his retirement at a news conference in Lincoln, Neb. Wednesday. Osborne, who compiled a record of 254-49-3, will coach the No. 2 Cornhuskers against No. 3 Tennessee in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2.

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Switzer remembers epic Big Eight wars

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys coach Barry Switzer, who had some epic Big Eight Conference battles with Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, said Wednesday he was surprised Osborne retired but could understand why.

"I'm as surprised as everyone would be but when I reflect on Tom's career and what he accomplished at Nebraska, you have to ask what else can he accomplish?" Switzer said. "He accomplished it all. No one won as consistently as Tom did. He won every year and a lot of times he was undefeated. What more could he do?"

Switzer recalled that he started at Oklahoma and Osborne at Nebraska at the same time in 1973.

"I was a rookie coach taking over for Chuck Fairbanks and he was a rookie coach taking over for Bob Devaney," Switzer said. "It was amazing how our careers started. We won early and he started winning late. I guess right now he's looking at the fourth quarter of life and wants to spend it with his family."

Switzer said his most memorable Oklahoma-Nebraska game was a loss.

"That will shock a lot of people," Switzer said. "My most memorable game was a loss, not a victory, in 1978. We were undefeated and No. 1 in the nation going into Lincoln. Billy Sims fumbled the ball away on the goal line and we lost 17-14. It cost us our third national title in four years. We had a great team but we fumbled nine times and lost it six times."

Switzer said he had the utmost respect for Osborne although they had different personalities.

"Tom was a very quiet, reserved guy and many times that kind of personality is perceived as aloof and arrogant," Switzer said. "He is low key and a very articulate man who can express himself. He kind of lived in the shadow of Devaney for a long time. He is a devout Christian and a teetotaler. That kind of separated him from most coaches. He lives a different lifestyle."

Switzer added, "He's a great football coach. I guess he just wanted to go fishing. We had some great games. The winner always went to the Orange Bowl and played for the national championship.

"I got just one piece of advice for his successor (Frank Solich): Keep running that option and hanging a half a hundred on everybody. Don't change what you're doing."

Osborne winningest coach in AP football poll's history

Associated Press

Nebraska's Tom Osborne is the winningest coach in the history of The Associated Press football poll.

Since taking over in 1973, Osborne teams have been ranked in 396 of 399 polls. Of those rankings, 327 have been in the top 10, including a current streak of 86 weeks. In 25 seasons, Osborne has won two consecutive national championships (1994-95) and his teams have finished in the top 10 of the final poll 17 times.

The Cornhuskers (12-0) may have a shot at a third national title if they win the Orange Bowl and top-ranked Michigan loses to Washington State in the Rose Bowl.

Nebraska has a record streak of 274 consecutive rankings dating back to Oct. 12, 1981. The Cornhuskers dropped out of the rankings for two weeks after getting off to a 1-2 start that season. They climbed back to No. 19 after beating Auburn and Colorado, and have been ranked ever since.

Osborne started his career ranked 112 straight weeks before dropping out on Sept. 12, 1977. After a one-week absence, Nebraska put together a string of 62 straight rankings before dropping out Sept. 28, 1981.

Nebraska has been the No. 1 team 44 times under Osborne and has a 26-5-1 record as the top-ranked team.

During the current 274-week streak under Osborne, Nebraska has a 176-27-1 record against 48 teams. The Cornhuskers have a 39-22-1 record vs. ranked teams and a 137-5 record vs. unranked teams.

Of today's 112 division I-A teams, 77 teams have been in and out of the rankings since Nebraska started the streak. Nine of those 112 teams joined the I-A ranks during the '90s.

Ranking Osborne

By The Associated Press

Winning Percentage

NCAA Division I college football coaches who have reached 200 wins (x-active):

Coach	W	L	T
Bear Bryant	.323	85	17
Pop Warner	.319	106	32
Amos Alonzo Stagg	.314	199	35
x-Joe Paterno	.298	76	3
x-Bobby Bowden	.280	83	3
Tom Osborne	.254	49	3
Woody Hayes	.238	72	10
Bo Schembechler	.234	65	8
x-Lavell Edwards	.234	86	3
x-Hayden Fry	.229	169	10
Lou Holtz	.216	176	19
Jess Neely	.207	176	19
Warren Woodson	.203	95	14
Vince Dooley	.201	155	9
Eddie Anderson	.201	155	9
Jim Sweeney	.200	155	9

Most Bowl Games, Career

Bear Bryant	29
Joe Paterno	28
Tom Osborne	25
Vince Dooley	20
Lou Holtz	20

Most Bowl Victories

Joe Paterno	18
Bobby Bowden	15
Bear Bryant	15
Tom Osborne	11
Lou Holtz	10
John Vaught	10
Don James	10

Most Bowl Victories, Active Coaches

Joe Paterno	18
Bobby Bowden	15
Tom Osborne	11
John Robinson	7
LaVell Edwards	7

Most Years Taking One College To Bowl Games

Joe Paterno	28
Tom Osborne	25
Bear Bryant	24
Vince Dooley	20

Coaches, players will miss Osborne

By Stephen Sobek
Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — At first it seemed just like any other team meeting, Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost said.

Coach Tom Osborne talked about preparations for his No. 2 Cornhuskers' game against No. 3 Tennessee in the Orange Bowl next month.

Then he dropped the bombshell. He announced that the bowl game would be his last.

"Everybody was totally quiet and you could hear a pin drop," Frost said after Osborne's surprise announcement Wednesday. "Coach Osborne doesn't usually show any emotion ... but there was a tear in his eye."

Osborne's impending retirement inspired shock and sadness Wednesday from his coaching peers and from players past and present.

"I'm surprised and saddened and I just hate it," said Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, who said he learned of Osborne's decision when a Nebraska reporter called him for reaction.

Florida State won its only national title in the 1994 Orange Bowl with an 18-16 victory over Nebraska.

"Tom Osborne is one of the good guys in coaching and in any profession," Bowden said. "He's an icon in Nebraska and in this nation."

"I put Tom and Joe Paterno, Lavell Edwards and Hayden Fry in that 'icon' category," he said. "You sit and wonder who'll be next and I guess I thought Tom would be the last of those to retire."

Frost will try and lead the Huskers to a win over the Volunteers and Heisman Trophy candidate Peyton Manning in Osborne's final game on Jan. 2. The Huskers will hope that No. 8 Washington State beats No. 1 Michigan in the Rose Bowl for a shot at Osborne's third national title.

"We're going to do our best to go down to the Orange Bowl and let him go out a winner and a champion," Frost said.

Following the Orange Bowl, the Huskers will be led by Osborne's longtime running backs coach, Frank Solich.

All-America defensive end Grant Wistrom, who was a finalist for the Lombardi Award Wednesday night, said the Huskers were losing "the greatest coach in college football.

"I know coach Osborne left now because he is on top," said Wistrom, in Houston for the awards banquet. "He could have extended his career for a few years but he wanted a smooth transition to coach Solich."

Neil Smith, a former All-American defensive end for the Huskers from 1985 to 1987 who now plays for the Denver Broncos, said Osborne was like a father figure to him.

"He never screamed, yelled, hollered, never used curse words," Smith said. "I remember one time at Iowa State. He came in at halftime and said 'Dadgum it, we need to play better.' And that's as close as I ever heard him come to cursing. Even still, he caught every eye in the room, because we weren't used to hearing that from him. And we came back out and dominated the rest of the game."

Former Nebraska tailback Lawrence Phillips, recently let go by the St. Louis Rams and picked up by the Miami Dolphins, would not comment. Osborne came under sharp criticism in 1995 for his decision to reinstate Phillips after he pleaded no contest to charges of assaulting a former girlfriend.

Coaches respected Osborne — the winningest coach in the history of The Associated Press college football poll — but also feared him.

"Colorado, like most others, couldn't beat Nebraska very often," said Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel. "It's very fitting that Nebraska is in the hunt to win the national championship in what will now be (Osborne's) final season."

Jimmy Johnson coached his final college football game against Osborne, beating Nebraska 28-3 as coach of the Miami Hurricanes in the 1989 Orange Bowl. The game would have been for a national title, except Notre Dame won the Fiesta Bowl earlier that day.

"Tom Osborne was one of the great coaches in college football for all time," Johnson said. "He has a tremendous amount of class and respect from all of his peers."

The announcement also was emotional for current Nebraska players.

"I'm kind of at a loss for words right now," said tight end and senior captain Vershan Jackson. "He's been here since I was five and I've always wanted to play for Nebraska."

Nebraska's Winstrom wins Lombardi

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Just hours after learning that his coach was retiring, Nebraska defensive end Grant Wistrom got good news Wednesday night that he had won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

Tom Osborne, who led the Cornhuskers to two national championships and 254 victories over 25 years, announced Wednesday that he would step down following No. 2 Nebraska's game against No. 3 Tennessee in the Orange Bowl.

Wistrom, a 6-foot-5, 250-pound senior, was a main cog in the defense that helped the Cornhuskers take a 12-0 record into Osborne's final game as coach. Wistrom credited Osborne for his success.

"You look at every one of the players here tonight and each one is on a great football team," Wistrom said. "The reason we are on a great football team is because of coach Osborne. He's a large part of why I've been fortunate to have won it."

It was an emotional day for Wistrom, who learned of Osborne's retirement decision in a telephone conversation with his coach prior to the Lombardi dinner.

"I was upset. I mean, the man meant the world to me the last four years," Wistrom said. "He praised me when I needed praise and he scolded me when I needed scolding. He's been a father to me away from my own father. Next to my father, I respect him the most."

Wistrom, the school's career leader in tackles for losses, became Nebraska's fourth Lombardi winner and first since Dean Steinkuhler in 1983.

On Monday, he was named Big 12 defensive player of the year for the second year in a row.

Wistrom beat out Greg Ellis of North Carolina, Andy Katzenmoyer of Ohio State and Andre Wadsworth of Florida State for the 28th annual trophy, named in honor of former Green Bay and Washington coach Vince Lombardi.

It has been an eventful few days for Wistrom. He helped Nebraska beat Texas A&M 54-15 in the Big 12 championship game on Saturday. On Sunday, he was in a highly publicized altercation at a pizza parlor in Lincoln and now has won the Lombardi.

Brown names Texas' coordinators

AUSTIN (AP) — Greg Davis, the architect of new Texas coach Mack Brown's offense at North Carolina, was named Wednesday as the Longhorns' offensive coordinator.

Brown also said in a statement Wednesday that Carl Reese, who ran one of the nation's stingiest defenses at LSU, would take over the Texas defense.

Brown, named last week after John Mackovic was fired, was expected to name the two coordinators officially on Friday along with the rest of the coaching staff.

He has about $750,000 to spend on assistant coaches, but hasn't yet decided how many there will be.

Brown said he expects Reese to bring an "aggressive, attacking style of defense" to Texas. A consistently strong defense is something the Longhorns lacked under Mackovic.

This year, Texas gave up an average of 33.7 points per game. It allowed the worst home loss in the program's 105-year history and second-worst overall, a 66-3 drubbing by UCLA.

The Longhorns were 104th out of 112 major-college teams in rushing defense, giving up 241.5 yards per game. The Longhorns were 85th in total defense, giving up 399.2 yards per game.

At North Carolina, Davis' offense helped produce a 20-3 record the last two seasons.

"Greg Davis has been a lifelong friend," Brown said. "He has been a head coach (Tulane 1988-91) and he has studied the game at all levels. He did a great job for us at North Carolina, and we are fortunate that he has agreed to join us."

Davis also will coach quarterbacks.

Since Reese arrived at LSU in December 1994, LSU's defense has ranked among the leaders in the Southeastern Conference.

The Tigers allowed 16.2 points a game this season, best in the SEC and 11th nationally. LSU also ranked second in the league in pass efficiency defense.

At Vanderbilt, Reese reduced opponents' average points per game from 41.5 in 1990 to 25.1 in 1994.



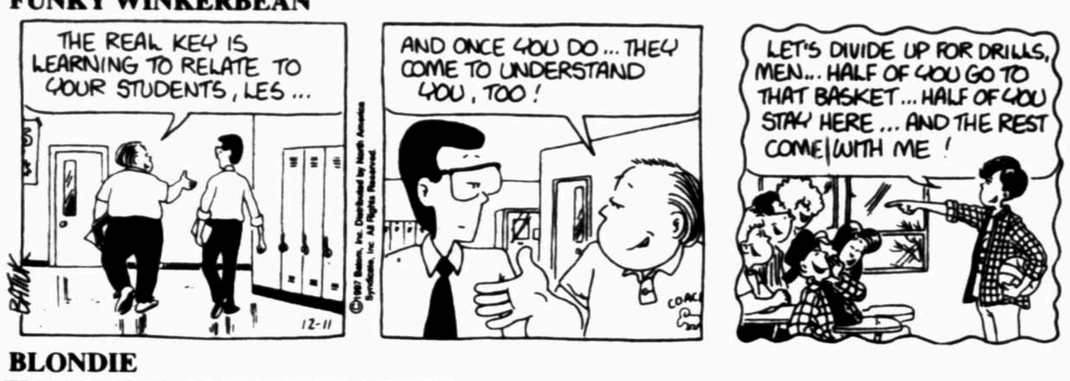
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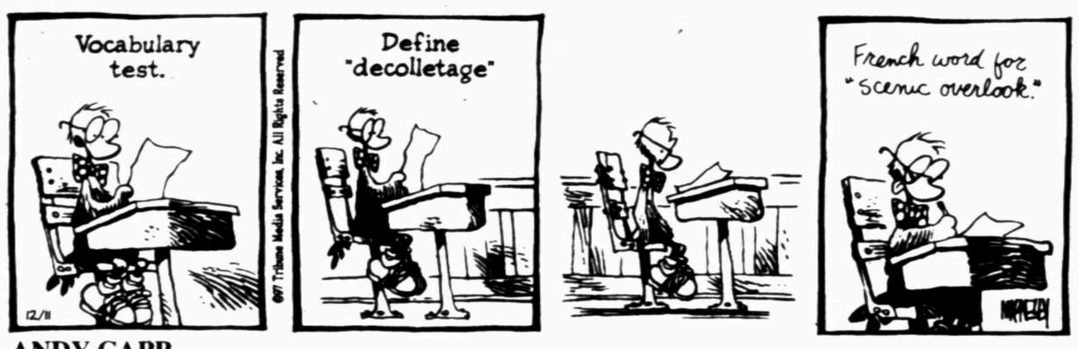
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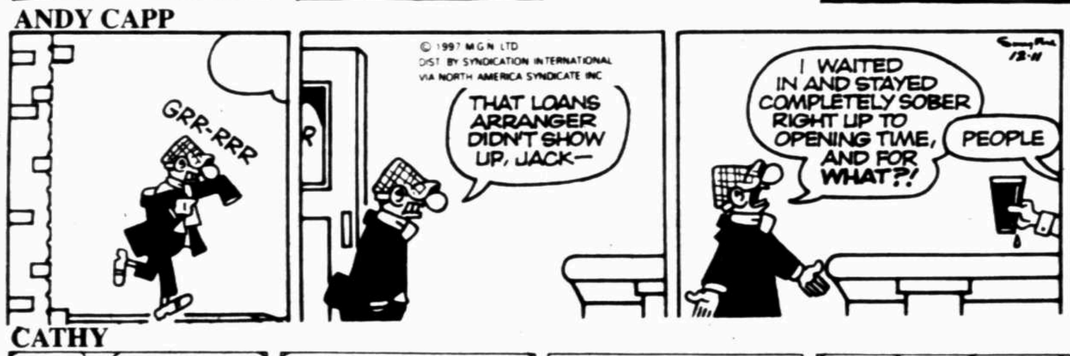
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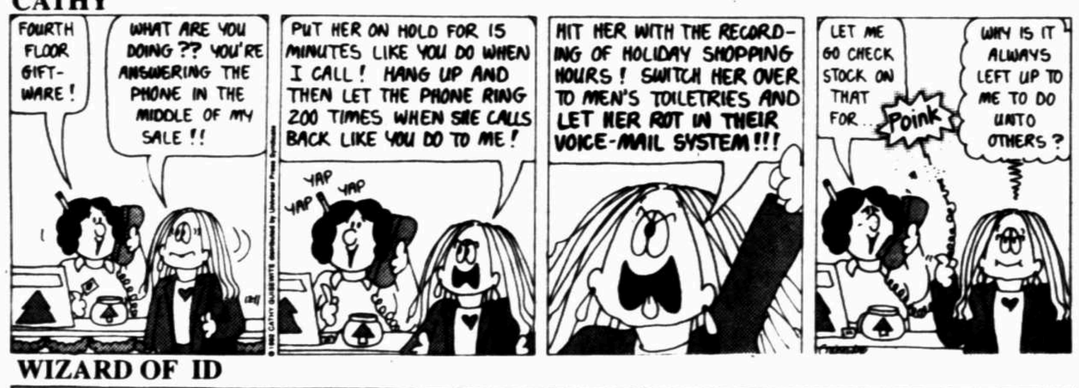
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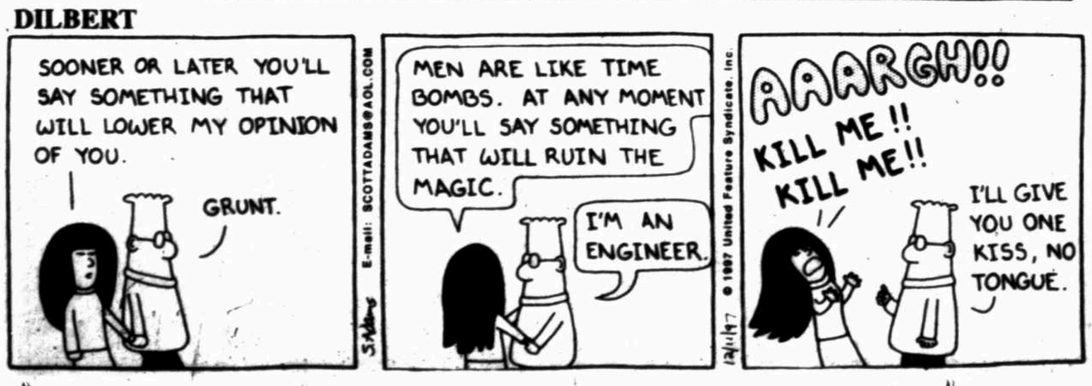
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★★★★ An offer is too good to turn down. A sense of direction is important to your career. Accept the limelight, and be willing to put in overtime. Your softer side emerges with a friend. Pursue what you want, especially in the romantic realm. Tonight: Go shopping.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You feel great, and others see that in you. You receive others' attention with comfortable enjoyment. Some good news comes your way that has you beaming. Explore information, and plan a trip. You will need a break after this intense holiday season. Tonight: Smile away.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Pull back. An encounter has an illicit tone to it. Check out people you meet; they might not be available. A partner makes demands. Pay bills, and make sure you remain in the plus column. Good news comes from a distance. Tonight: Curl up in front the fireplace.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. Gather with others, make new contacts and network. An associate makes you an offer that you cannot resist. Together, you create a stronger, more caring connection. Talk about a special gift. Tonight: Get festive with friends.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Accept another's attention, and be flattered, but make a conscious decision about how far you want the goo-goo eyes to progress! Making an extra effort at work and getting errands done pay off. You'll want to enjoy the social treats of the season. Tonight: Stand under the mistletoe!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for another, and talk on a spiritual or intellectual level. High energy, animal magnetism and creativity mix and could get you into fun trouble. Know your limits. A co-worker makes a caring gesture. Tonight: Look at gifts that will improve another's quality of life.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Close relating brings deeper feelings. You might be energized to make a change that is overdue. Someone appreciates your gesture, especially because it took a lot of energy. A child or new friend expresses his admiration for you. Tonight: You have a lot to smile about.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ What has been irritating could now get resolved. Excellent communications draw others to you. Buzz around, to get what you need done. The pace is hectic but worthwhile. A family member seems more tranquil and in the mood for peace. Tonight: Try to complete errands.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ High efficiency, dynamic energy and abundant enthusiasm allow you to cruise through the day. Chat with a friend. You seem particularly adept at spending money, but of course this is the season. You could put a major dent in your holiday errands. Tonight: Squeeze in something just for yourself.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your high energy allows others to open up. You might not be aware of how awesome and challenging you are. Solutions are easy to find, once the cards are laid on the table. A caring gesture touches a loved one. Seasonal spirit abounds. Tonight: Consider an unusual gift.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Venus moving into your sign adds to your radiance. Others find you attractive. Be willing to put your opinions on the line. Discussions are important, especially about a matter that has been frustrating you. Clearing the air is key. Tonight: Finish cards, decorate and wrap a gift or two.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Conversations are revealing. You might find that a friend's viewpoint isn't what you thought it was. Know what you want. This is a time for action and commitment. A new acquaintance could be special to you in the future; it could be significant. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

DRAWING TRUMPS THE HARD WAY

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

	NORTH ♠ J 8 5 4 3 ♡ K J 8 3 ◇ A 6 5 ♣ 7	
WEST ♠ A K 7 6 ♡ Void ◇ J 10 8 4 3 ♣ J 9 6 2		EAST ♠ Q 9 ♡ A 6 4 ◇ K 9 2 ♣ Q 10 5 4 3
	SOUTH ♠ 10 2 ♡ Q 10 9 7 5 2 ◇ Q 7 ♣ A K 8	

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♡	Pass	4 ♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♠

Looking at all four hands, South should lose four tricks at the contract of four hearts. Can you see how a trick vanished after West leads the king and ace of spades?

Although a little strong by today's standards, North's hand is a classic distributional raise of a major to game — at least four good trumps, a five-card suit and a singleton. All that remains is for declarer to bring home 10 tricks.

West led the king of spades and, thinking East's nine might be a singleton, unfortunately chose to continue with the ace, felling partner's queen. The shift to a diamond was obvious and, since West would surely have acted with four spades headed by the ace-king, the king of diamonds and probable shortness in hearts, declarer deduced that it would be futile to play low from dummy. Instead, declarer shot up with the ace of diamonds and led the jack of spades.

East was forced to ruff this trick to prevent declarer from obtaining a diamond discard. Declarer overruffed, cashed the ace of clubs and returned to the table by trumping a club to lead the eight of spades. Again East had to trump low and declarer overruffed.

Dummy's last spade was now established, and the only outstanding trump was the ace. As long as declarer could get to the table, the losing diamond could be discarded on the spade and declarer's only other loser would be the high trump. That was easily accomplished. Declarer trumped the king of clubs on the board, discarded the diamond on the fifth spade as East ruffed helplessly with the ace, and the contract was home.

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CLOSE TO HOME



"Before we waste your time and mine, let's see if you can fit through this opening."

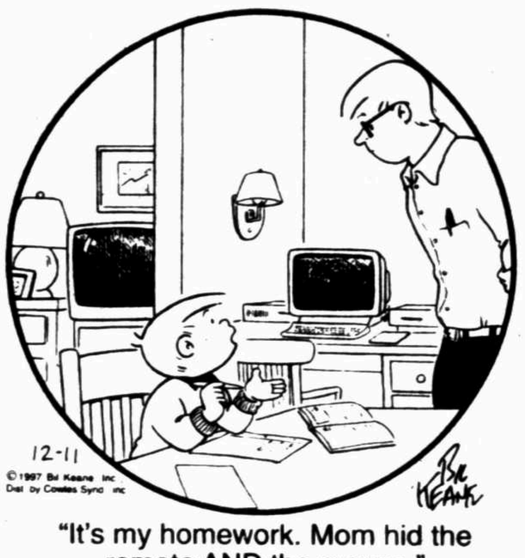
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FAMILY CIRCUS



"It's my homework. Mom hid the remote AND the mouse."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"WHENEVER I GET A COLD, I JUST GIVE IT TO MY DAD."

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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(9) KWES	9	9	News 6879	Seinfeld 4689	Friends 4546	Union Square 9343	Seinfeld 5986	Veronica's Closet	ER: Obstruction of Justice 19695 (TVPG)		News 7863492	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
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PEOPLE

Congressman takes former Miss America to White House porch, asks her to marry him

OMAHA, Neb. — The young congressman invited the former Miss America to step away from the Christmas ball and escape with him to the south portico of the White House for a view of the Washington Monument.

There, he dropped to one knee, pulled out an engagement ring and asked her to marry him.

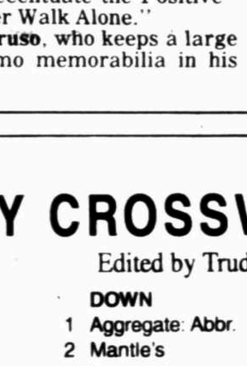
Of course, she accepted.

"It was an incredible setting," **Tara Dawn Holland**, 24, said of two-term **U.S. Rep. Jon Christensen's** proposal Monday night.

Christensen, 34, is seeking the Republican nomination for Nebraska governor. Holland, whose reign as Miss America ended in September, has been regularly appearing with Christensen on campaign stops.

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NEW YORK — **Clint Eastwood** is the nation's most popular movie star, according to a poll released Wednesday.



Poll finds Clint Eastwood to be the nation's most popular actor.

Mel Gibson was second, followed by **Tom Cruise, John Wayne** and **Harrison Ford** in the Harris Poll of 1,010 adults asked to name their favorite movie star.

Among the other top vote-getters was **Kevin Costner** in sixth place, **Arnold Schwarzenegger, Richard Gere** and **Sean Connery** all tied for seventh, and **Denzel Washington** 10th.

The top woman was **Demi Moore** at No. 22.

Eastwood, who ranked No. 4 in last year's Harris survey, was also the favorite among men. He bumped Gibson out of the No. 1 slot, although the Australian actor was tops among women this year.

Four actors fell out of the top 10 after showing up there last year: **Steven Seagal, Tom Hanks, Paul Newman** and **Sylvester Stallone.**

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CANONSBURG, Pa. — Ah, the Fourth of July. Parades, fireworks, red, white and blue decorations — and **Perry Como.**

A statue depicting the singer is scheduled to be unveiled July 4 here in his hometown, 20 miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

Canonsburg already has a street named in honor of Como, the singer of "This Magic Moment," "Accentuate the Positive" and "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Mayor Dan Caruso, who keeps a large collection of Como memorabilia in his office, wants to capitalize on Como's fame to attract tourists.

Singer **Bobby Vinton** is also a native of Canonsburg. Caruso said Vinton may get a statue later.

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NEW YORK — When **Mick Jagger** learned he couldn't always get the cricket results he wanted, he realized the answer was practically under his thumb.

The Rolling Stones front man started a new Internet company to bring cricket matches to cyberspace.

His company, Jagged Internetworks, along with WorldTel in Connecticut and CricInfo, plans to netcast the Akai-Singer Champions Trophy, an international cricket tournament from Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

Cricket-loving Web surfers can use the site to hear live broadcasts of the matches and see video highlights afterward.

Jagger got the idea to put cricket on the Web when he couldn't follow England's team while on tour.

The tournament will be broadcast from www.cricket.org.

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LOS ANGELES — A judge has refused to let **Tupac Shakur's** father collect any inheritance from the slain rapper's estate.

William Garland, a New Jersey trucker, was not entitled to anything because his contributions to support and care for his son were "minuscule," Superior Court Judge **Arnold Gold** ruled Tuesday.



Judge refuses to let Tupac Shakur's father collect any inheritance.

Garland wanted half of Shakur's estate, which could be worth millions. But Shakur's mother, **Afeni**, said Garland was an absentee father and did little to raise his biological son.

"This is a big defeat for deadbeat dads. Being the designated sperm is not enough," attorney Richard Fischbein, co-administrator of the Shakur estate with Afeni, said Wednesday from his New York office.

Testimony during a three-day trial showed that Garland didn't see Shakur during 15 of his 25 years, and his contributions to his son's care included $820, a bag of peanuts and a ticket to the movie "Rollerball."

Shakur was shot to death in Las Vegas in 1996.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

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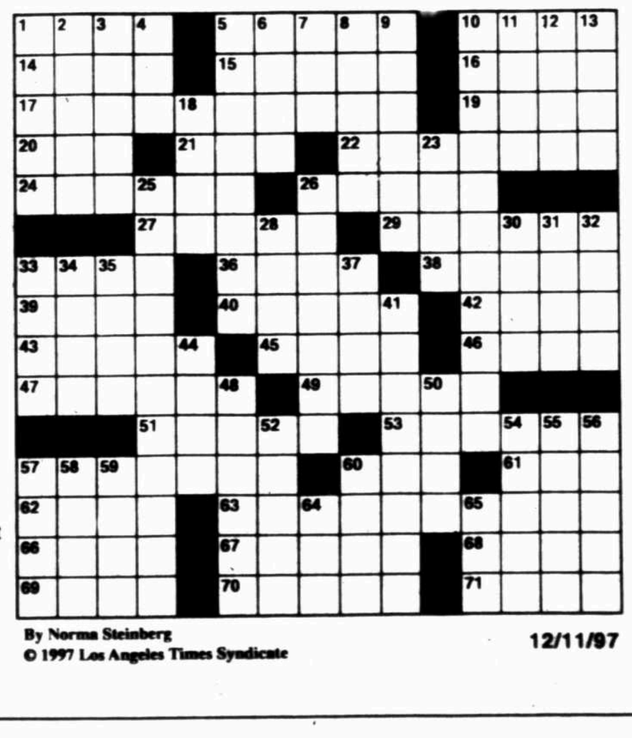
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Mortensen finding right track at NFR

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Dan Mortensen wasn't performing like a cowboy with the No. 1 on his back in the first four rounds of the $3.4 million National Finals Rodeo.

The top-ranked saddle bronc rider tied for second on opening night and then tied for fifth in the second round. But he was bucked off in the third round, and finished out of the money in the fourth.

On Tuesday, Mortensen got back on the right track with a 79 to finish sixth in the go-round and earn $1,865. So far in the NFR, Mortensen has made $11,377, only a fraction of the $155,405 he has earned this season.

"I need to get it done in the go-rounds," said Mortensen, of Manhattan, Mont. "I just have to take it one round at a time."

Steve Dollarhide of Wikieup, Ariz., won the go-round with an 85. Scott Johnston of DeLeon was second with an 82, and Bret Franks of Goodwell, Okla., was third at 81.

Mortensen's troubles began Sunday on a horse named Copenhagen Desperado, a horse he hadn't ridden before and didn't know anything about. He didn't last eight seconds.

"Next time I'll know how to handle him," Mortensen said. "I'll just need to hang on a little harder."

Mortensen's sixth-place finish Tuesday was even more important because six riders ahead of him in the NFR average were bucked off. Mortensen moved from 11th to an eight-place tie. The average only pays eight places.

Although he might have solidified his position in saddle bronc riding, he still lost ground in the race for the all-around title. Calf roper Cody Ohl, second in the all-around, tied for second in his event along with Joe Beaver, currently third. Beaver also placed sixth in team roping.

Mortensen leads the all-around race with $157,328. Ohl is second with $135,794 and Beaver is third at $124,900.

"I'm trying not to think at all about the all-around," Mortensen said. "Just thinking about it put more pressure on you than you really need."

Marty Becker of Manyberries, Alberta, won the calf roping go-round with a 7.5-second run. Ohl of Orchard and Beaver of Huntsville tied for second at 7.6 seconds.

In bull riding, Jerome Davis of Archdale, N.C., won for the second straight night with an 86 on Copenhagen Gunsmoke. Scott Breding of Edgar, Mont., was second with an 85, and Travis Sullivan of Moriarity, N.M., and Keith Adams of Fredricksburg tied for third with 84s.

Deb Greenough of Red Lodge, Mont., won for the second straight night in bareback riding, scoring an 86. Jeff Collins of Wister, Okla., and Cleve Schmidt of Miles City, Mont., tied for second with 85s. Greenough moved from sixth to second in the world standings with $90,216, only $6,048 behind first-place Denny McClanahan of Canadian, Texas.

Brad Gleason of Ennis, Mont., and Ivon Nelson of Ocala, Fla., tied for first in steer wrestling, both recording 3.4-second runs. Ivan Teigen of Camp Crook, S.D., and Butch Myers of Athens tied for third at 3.6 seconds. Gleason moved from fourth to second with the first, $3,733 behind Rope Myers of Van.

In team roping, Randy Polich of Aztec, N.M., and Nick Sarchett of Scottsdale, Ariz., won the go-round with a 4.8 second run. Steve Purcella of Hereford and Steve Northcott of Odessa were second at 4.9 seconds and Matt Tyler of Corsicana, Texas, and Mike Beers of Powell Butte, Ore., were third at 5.1 seconds.

Peyton Raney of Boyd won the barrel racing go-round with a 14.15 second run. Kristie Peterson of Elbert, Colo., was second at 14.20, and Sherry Cervi of Midland was third at 14.39.

Cervi leads the season standings with $123,153, but Peterson is close behind at $122,328.

Permian Basin

■ **Sherri Cervi:** The lead for the 1995 world champion is shrinking. Despite placing third and making $4,406, the Midlander is just $825 ahead of Kristie Peterson of Elbert California. Peterson placed second in the Tuesday's round, earning $6,621 and raising her world total to $122,328. She has also narrowed the gap considerably in the last two days after trailing by over $9,000 after round 3.

Cervi, who has $123,153 for the year, also trails Peterson in the average by .3 of a second. Peterson has made five rides in 71.86 seconds. Cervi's time is 72.16. They also stand 1-2 in that category.

■ **Shot Branum:** The Midland team roper didn't place in the money on Tuesday. Branum, a heeler, and teammate Richard Eiguren had placed in three of the first four rounds.

■ **Steve Northcott:** The Odessa heeler, who stands second in the world standings, cut into the lead of the cowboy he trails. Northcott and teammate Steve Purcella of Hereford claimed second in the fifth round to earn $6,621 while Rich Skelton, the No. 1 heeler in the world to date, didn't place. That has cut Skelton's lead from over $14,000 to just under $8,000 in one day. Llano's Skelton has earned $80,874. while Northcott is at $72,924 with five rounds to go. Neither team is in the top four in the average going into Wednesday's round.



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Canadian calf roper Marty Becker of Manyberries, Alberta, throws down his calf and ties it in 7.50 seconds to take first place in the fifth round of the the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

Martinez says OK to $75 million, six-year contract with Boston

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — NL Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinez said Wednesday he had agreed to a record-setting $75 million, six-year contract with the Boston Red Sox.

Martinez said Boston has two option years that could raise the total amount of the contract to $92 million over eight seasons.

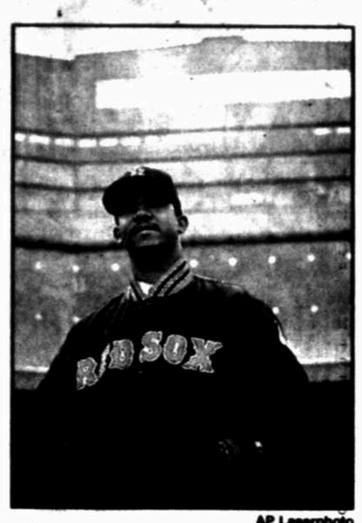
Team spokesman Kevin Shea said that while a long-term contract for Martinez is a priority, no deal had been completed. Jim Bronner, the pitcher's agent, declined comment.

"I'm a little ashamed to say how much I signed for," Martinez told Radio Universal.

The total dollars and the average salary of $12.5 million would be a baseball record. The largest package to date is Gary Sheffield's $61 million, six-year contract with Florida that starts next season. The highest average salary is the $11.5 million Greg Maddux will average in his $57.5 million, five-year contract that starts with Atlanta next season.

Earlier reports had said Martinez was close to agreeing to a $50 million, five-year deal. In addition, a baseball lawyer speaking on the condition he not be identified said Wednesday his understanding was that the contract called for Martinez to receive $72.5 million for for six seasons and that Boston would have a team option for 2004 at $17.5 million with a $2.5 million buyout. That would make the contract worth $90 million over six seasons, an average of $12,857,143.

Martinez was acquired by the Red Sox from Montreal on Nov. 18 after going 17-8 with a major-league leading 1.90 ERA. He had 305 strikeouts, second in the majors behind Curt Schilling.



AP Laserphoto

Pedro Martinez said Wednesday he had agreed to a record-setting $75 million, six-year contract with the Red Sox.

Martinez made $3,615,000 last season and was eligible for salary arbitration this winter and free agency after next season.

"I thank God that I was chosen to show the people that with effort they can do anything," Martinez said. "I come from a world of much poverty and, thanks to God, I've been able to get to where I am today."

Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette was on his way to the Dominican Republic to finalize a deal with Martinez on Wednesday. Boston also hopes to complete long-term contracts with first baseman Mo Vaughn and infielder John Valentin.

The day before the trade, Martinez had said during a conference call with Beattie and his agents that he wouldn't sign a long-term deal with the Red Sox. His attitude changed during a visit to Boston, and apparently the money was too much to turn down.

Local Sports

Freshmen boys basketball

Lee Freshmen White defeated Midland Freshmen White, 62-42, Wednesday. Cedric Benson led Lee (6-1) with 13 points, while Marshall Viney added 12 and Trent Whaley had 11. T. Jackson led Midland with 11 points and Aaron Robinson had 10.

Lee Maroon (2-5) edged Crockett, 54-49, as Allen Griffith scored 17 points.

Midland Freshmen Purple went to 7-0 with a 76-66 win over Bonham. No individual scorers were available.

Freshmen girls basketball

The Lee Freshmen White girls edged Midland Freshmen Gold, 52-46. Lee (3-1) got nine points each from Latrieka Smith and Leslie Smith. Midland (0-4) was led by Catherine Wade, who scored 16 and grabbed 18 rebounds. Hayley Fernau also scored 16 for Midland, and Erin Drummond added 13.

Lee Maroon (2-2) routed Crockett, 69-34, getting 26 points from Shamera Bryson, 18 from Shandi Neatherlin and 12 from Christy Brunett.

Midland Purple whipped Bonham, 67-35. Laura Koch poured in 20 points for Midland (4-0) and Becky Valdez contributed 17.

Stars make semifinals

DALLAS — The Midland Stars under-10 girls soccer team reached the semifinals of the North Texas Soccer Tournament of Champions this past weekend.

The Stars, who advanced to the 28-team tournament by winning the Midland U-10 title, defeated Richardson Lake Highlands 3-0, Amarillo 2-1, and Denton 6-1 in preliminary games. In the quarterfinals, the Stars beat Bedford-Euless 1-0. That win marked the 30th consecutive game the Stars played without a loss (28 wins, two ties).

In the semifinals, the Stars fell to Mesquite 4-1.

Members of the Midland Stars are: Carrie Gates, Elizabeth Gates, Kathryn Gates, Darcy Gist, Caitlin Gravelle, Alexandra Ochsner, Melissa Scott, Susie Shelton, Callie Speight, Nicole Vest and Haylee Wright. Coach: Karen Gates.

HONOR: Woodson claimed Camp Award

(From 1C)

Michigan. Now he is a top candidate for the Heisman Trophy. The winner will be announced Dec. 13.

He already has earned the Walter Camp award, also honoring the nation's top college football player. Only five times since the award was first given in 1967 has the Camp award gone to someone who didn't win the Heisman.

Still, the odds are against Woodson. A defensive player has never won the Heisman.

"If the Heisman doesn't come around, it doesn't," Woodson says. "I'll still be happy."

That is exactly what his mother would expect him to say. She says her son was always "laid-back and quiet, so much so you never knew he was in the room."

The child from a devoutly Pentecostal house never caused trouble. And he honored his mother's directives to do his "homework before play.

"He was never a 'Me, me, me' person,'" his mother says. "It was always 'What can we do as a team.'"

Woodson has little recollection of the braces and shoes of his toddler years.

"I just found out about it a couple of years ago," he says. "But I'm glad that my mother and father caught it early."

His legs were fine by the time Rex Radeloff, the biology teacher and retired football coach at Ross High School in Fremont, Ohio, first saw Woodson in seventh grade.

"He made things happen," Radeloff says. "He's one player I'll never forget."

When he arrived in Ann Arbor, the coaches assumed Woodson would want to play offense.

"I told them defense was my first choice," Woodson says. "In 10th grade, I started playing defense. Mainly because we already had a great tailback. Once I started playing it, it just started growing on me. I liked it a lot.

"I think it's a lot more aggressive. You have 11 people running to the football, trying to get there at the same time. There's a big celebration after the hit. It's kind of hard to describe."

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr decided to use Woodson in as many ways as possible — defense, offense, special teams.

"After Charles comes off the field with the defensive unit, it's his job to tell the coaches when he's rested enough to go in and play on offense," Carr says. "As the season wore on, and every game got bigger and bigger, Charles was up on that sideline just about all the time saying, 'I'm ready to go. Put me in.'"

The No. 1 Wolverines went 11-0, won the Big Ten championship and can wrap up their first national championship since 1948 with a victory over Washington State in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Woodson had seven interceptions this season, second-best in the nation.

"You hear about these so-called All-Americans, but this guy is the real deal," Minnesota coach Glen Mason says. "If there's a better player in the country, I don't know who he is."

He has averaged 21 yards on 11 pass receptions, 8.6 yards on 33 punt returns and 5 yards on three runs. Woodson also completed a pass and scored four touchdowns.

"He's the best player I have ever played with, and the best in the nation," Michigan strong safety Marcus Ray says. "I'm not sure he needs any added pressure, but we all know it."

In the Wolverines' 20-14 victory over Ohio State, Woodson caught a 37-yard pass to set up Michigan's first touchdown, returned a punt 78 yards for another score and thwarted a Buckeyes rally with an interception in the end zone.

"He took over the game," says Ohio State wide receiver David Boston, who had taunted Woodson in the days before the showdown. "Big players show up in big games."

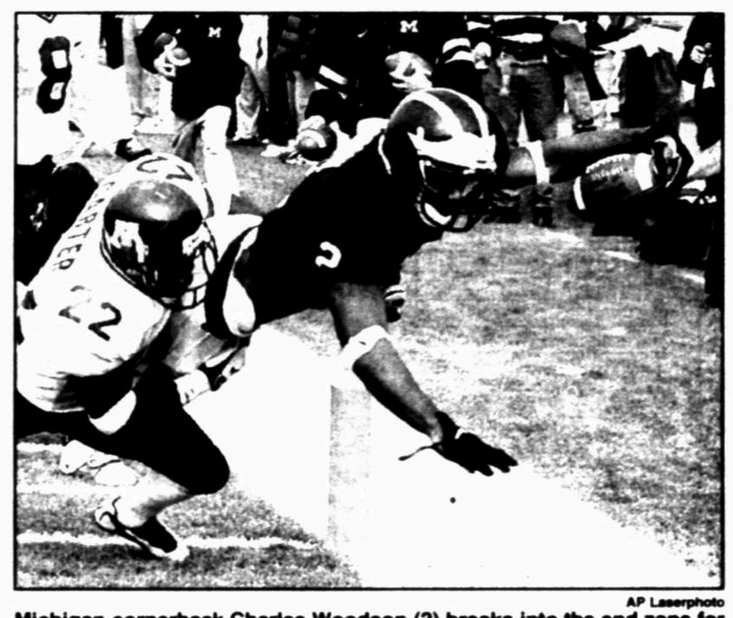
But it was his interception at Michigan State that might be remembered most. Spartans quarterback Todd Schultz tried to throw out of bounds but Woodson made a tremendous leap. He snatched the ball with one hand, then managed to keep one foot in bounds as he tumbled to the turf.

"I always knew he would excel," says his mother, a forklift operator at an Ohio bottle factory. "He always wanted to be the best at whatever he was doing."

This may be Woodson's last shot at the Heisman, even though he's only a junior, majoring in sports management and communications. Many think he is ready for the NFL and would be a top-five draft pick. If he does leave school, it would be with Carr's blessing.

Woodson is less certain how his mother might feel about that. All his big decisions have gone through Georgia Woodson, from the days of leg braces and cumbersome shoes. This one is no different. They will discuss it after the Rose Bowl.

"We'll just talk everything out and go from there," he says.



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Michigan cornerback Charles Woodson (2) breaks into the end zone for a touchdown as Minnesota's Tyrone Carter tries to stop him. Woodson has been invited to the Downtown Athletic Club in New York.

Charles in Charge

By The Associated Press

A 1997 game-by-game breakdown of statistics for Michigan junior Charles Woodson:

	PLAYS				DEFENSE				OFFENSE					
Date Opponent	D	O	SP	TOT	TAC	AST	INT	SAC	REC	YDS	TD	PR	YDS	TD
Sep. 13 Colorado	66	3	10	79	4	1	1	0	1	29	0	3	13	0
Sep. 20 Baylor	46	6	5	57	5	0	0	0	2	45	1	4	21	0
Sep. 27 Notre Dame	77	4	7	88	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	29	0
Oct. 4 Indiana	36	5	3	44	2	1	1	0	1	21	0	2	16	0
Oct. 11 Northwestern	52	7	8	67	3	2	1	1	1	30	0	1	8	0
Oct. 18 Iowa	54	2	11	67	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	70	0
Oct. 25 Michigan St.	57	2	8	67	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Nov. 1 Minnesota	48	16	6	70	3	0	0	0	1	5	0	3	25	0
Nov. 8 Penn State	49	7	8	64	0	2	0	0	1	37	1	4	2	0
Nov. 15 Wisconsin	63	9	7	79	0	2	1	0	3	27	0	1	0	0
Nov. 22 Ohio St.	65	10	8	83	1	2	1	0	1	37	0	5	97	1
TOTALS	**613**	**71**	**81**	**765**	**27**	**16**	**7**	**1**	**11**	**231**	**2**	**33**	**283**	**1**

Boise State coach hired as Arkansas' new coach

By Harry King
Associated Press Writer

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Two decades after declaring that his dream was to one day coach Arkansas' football team, Houston Nutt returned to his home state Wednesday as coach of the Razorbacks.

"Dreams do come true, and this has been my dream, to stand up here in front of you with a Razorback helmet," Nutt said, putting his hand on a headgear at a news conference at the university's basketball arena.

Nutt coached Boise State to a 4-7 record this year after leading Murray State to a 22-3 mark in the two previous seasons.

As the Razorbacks' fifth coach in nine years, Nutt will try to right a program that has lost games and fans throughout the decade.

Arkansas is 38-51-2 in the 1990s and hasn't been to a major bowl since the Cotton Bowl after the 1989 season. Average home attendance this decade has been as low as 44,551 in 1996. In 1989, the Razorbacks drew 51,138 on average.

"I can promise you this, I'll go from daylight all the way to exhaustion to make this the best Razorback football team," Nutt said. "I can't wait to get started."

Moments later, Razorback fans in the room erupted into a Woo-Pig-Sooie cheer.

The 40-year-old Nutt replaced Danny Ford, who was 26-30-1 in five years. Athletic director Frank Broyles fired Ford after the Razorbacks finished their second-straight 4-7 season. Ford's 1994 team also was 4-7.

Bryant and Broyles recruited Nutt at Little Rock Central, where Nutt played football and basketball. Nutt told Bryant it was always his dream to coach the Razorbacks and accepted Broyles' scholarship offer.

After two years at Fayetteville, Nutt transferred to Oklahoma State when new Arkansas coach Lou Holtz brought in Kevin Scanlon. Nutt returned briefly to Arkansas in the 1980s and 1990s as a graduate assistant and wide receivers coach.

Nutt coached Murray State of NCAA Division I-AA for four seasons, leading the team to records of 11-1 in 1995 and 11-2 in 1996 before departing for Division I-A Boise State this year.

Since Broyles stepped down as head coach after the 1976 season, Arkansas has had five coaches — not including Nutt. Holtz stayed seven years and Ken Hatfield six, and Broyles this time looked for someone who would make a longterm commitment to the Razorbacks.

Nutt meshes perfectly.

"I feel like I've been trained for 16 years for this day," Nutt said. "I just feel an awesome responsibility."

Nutt and his wife, Diana, marked their 14th anniversary Wednesday. In the news conference, he admitted he hadn't bought her a gift. As the crowd laughed, he handed her an Arkansas ball cap on the dais with him.

Nutt's brother Dickey, the basketball coach at Arkansas State in Jonesboro, said it was wonderful to have Houston return to Arkansas.

Lewis camp sets Friday deadline for Holyfield to decide on fight

LONDON (AP) — Negotiations for a heavyweight unification bout between Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield will be called off unless a contract is signed by Friday, Lewis' promoter said Wednesday.

Promoter Panos Eliades said Lewis, the WBC champion, will fight either James "Buster" Douglas or Shannon Briggs in March if no deal is reached with Don King by 5 p.m. EST Friday for a match with IBF and WBA champ Holyfield.

Eliades said he hasn't completely given up hope of making the fight, but noted that a U.S. court has ruled that King can't be involved any negotiations over the WBA title.

"If Don doesn't sign an contract by Friday, it's off," he said. "We now go to Buster Douglas or Shannon Briggs. The Douglas fight is made, the Briggs fight is being made."

"The big money and the other titles would be with a Holyfield fight, but what can I do?" Eliades said. "The Holyfield fight has so far taken 200 hours of my time, but Lennox says if we don't get the Holyfield deal done, we're off. Rather than lose your dates and moving on until June, you may as well get your other fights done."

Efforts to reach King at his Florida office for comment were unsuccessful.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Compaq s	197200	60	–3⅜
RJRNab	116515	37⅜	+⅜
BayNtwk	83393	25⅜	–2⅛
PhilMor s	79487	45	+⅞
AT&T	59507	57Ⅼ	–⅜

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TVX Gld	2⅞	+⅞	+17.9
IndNatuz s	23½	+3½	+17.5
HeclaM	5⅜	+¾	+16.2
Coeur	8¹¹⁄₁₆	+1¹⁄₁₆	+13.9
BattMt	5⅛	+⅝	+12.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FMCG	16¾	–2⅞	–14.7
FMCG A	16⅛	–2½	–13.4
ExcelCm	16¹¹⁄₁₆	–2⅜	–13.3
AsiaPR	3	–⅞	–12.7
DSP Com	13⅝	–1⅞	–12.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,017
Declined	1,985
Unchanged	471
Total issues	3,473
New Highs	129
New Lows	68
Volume	730,343,890

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	35584	97	–27/32
Hasbro s	31014	33¹¹⁄₁₆	+2⅞
TWA	21152	9¹⁵⁄₁₆	–¹⁵⁄₁₆
EchoBay	19931	2¼	+⅛
CelSci	17890	8⅜	+1

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Neophrm	7¼	+2⅜	+43.2
Sentry pf	2	+¼	+14.3
PrimeRs n	6	+⅞	+14.3
DigPwr n	8⅛	+1	+14.0
CelSci	8⅜	+1	+13.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DigitCT s	2	–½	–20.0
CottnV gn	2⅛	–½	–19.0
TWA wt	6⅛	–1⅛	–15.5
MandC00 n	36½	–6¹¹⁄₁₆	–15.5
ecLuxtec	2⅜	–¼	–10.3

DIARY

Advanced	210
Declined	373
Unchanged	158
Total issues	741
New Highs	16
New Lows	26
Volume	40,355,100

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Oracle s	662664	23	+½
Intel s	204213	74¹¹⁄₁₆	–¹⁵⁄₁₆
OxfordHlt	156887	17⅛	–2¹⁵⁄₁₆
ApldMat s	149876	31¾	–1¹³⁄₁₆
DellCpt s	149116	91⅛	–2¹³⁄₁₆

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Neoph wt	4¼	+2⅝	+161.5
Macr wtAA	3½	+1	+53.4
EnvPwr	2	+¹¹⁄₁₆	+52.4
Macrch wt	5⅞	+1¹⁵⁄₁₆	+49.2
EltekLtd n	2	+½	+33.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Vivus s	13¹³⁄₁₆	–6⁵⁄₁₆	–31.4
vjAtkinsn	2	–¹¹⁄₁₆	–25.6
UnivStdH	2⅛	–¹¹⁄₁₆	–24.4
Consilm	2¼	–¹¹⁄₁₆	–23.4
MicroAge	16¾	–4¹⁵⁄₁₆	–22.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,370
Declined	2,913
Unchanged	1,467
Total issues	5,750
New Highs	113
New Lows	192
Volume	741,634,100

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
Tkr: The stock's ticker symbol.
How to use: The ticker symbol can help you get information about a company. Two important uses: Most services that provide stock quotes over the phone require the ticker symbol. Second, stock brokers and analysts can recognize stocks more easily with a ticker symbol.

Generally, ticker symbols resemble the company name although some – BUD for Anheuser Busch Cos. and FON for Sprint Corp. – are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

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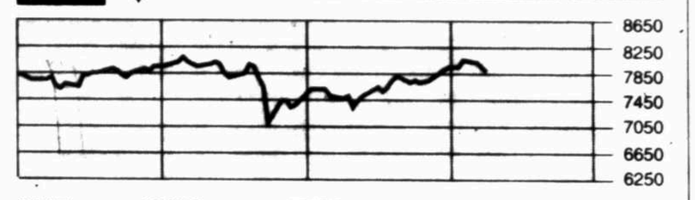
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Daily market roundup

December 10, 1997

Dow Jones ▼ 7978.79 -70.87

High	8,077.27	Highest close	8,259.31
Low	7,881.07	August 6, 1997	



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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
8,299.49	6,236.05	Dow Jones Industrials	7,978.79	–70.87	–.88	+23.74	+24.62
3,372.42	2,206.04	Dow Jones Transportation	3,334.90	–5.60	–.17	+47.85	+45.19
261.22	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	260.42	+.60	+.23	+11.99	+12.95
515.24	378.87	NYSE Composite	507.70	–3.16	–.62	+29.42	+30.33
723.03	541.02	Amex Index	669.45	–2.10	–.31	+16.97	+16.56
1,748.78	1,194.16	Nasdaq Composite	1,596.61	–23.94	–1.48	+23.67	+21.96
986.25	716.69	S&P 500	969.79	–5.99	–.61	+30.92	+30.92
466.21	248.65	Russell 2000	432.81	–5.35	–1.22	+19.36	+21.00
9,486.69	6,998.62	Wilshire 5000	9,272.22	–69.76	–.75	+28.81	+29.18

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
A-H-C			
ACL	ACE Ltd	94⅜	–⅛
ACG	ACMIn	10⅝	–⅛
AOF	ACM Op	8⅛	+⅛
GSF	ACM Sc	10	–⅛
SI	ACMSp	6½	
AES	AES Cp s	42¼	–⅛
AFL	AFLAC	49⅛	–⅛
AG	AGCO	29⅜	–⅜
ATG	AGL Res	19⅛	–⅛
AJP	AJL	11⅝	–⅛
AMB	AMB Pr n	23⅛	–⅛
AMF	AMF n	24¼	–⅛
AMR	AMR	129⅜	–1½
ATS	APT Sat n	13⅛	–⅜
ARC	ARCOCh	44½	–⅝
ASA	ASA Ltd	20⅜	+⅛
T	AT&T	57⅝	–⅜
AVX	AVX Cp	20⅜	–⅞
AXA	AXA UAP	137¹⁵⁄₁₆	+⅝
AAM	Ames s	13⅝	–⅝
ABT	AbtLab	67⅜	–⅛
ANF	AberFitch	31⅞	–⅜
ASI	AccuStff	28⅞	–¼
ACN	Acuson	18–1⅞	
ADX	AdaEx	23½	–⅝
ASF	Adminstf	22¾	–¼
AMD	AMD	19⅞	–⅝
ANV	AeroVick	49⅛	–⅜
AET	Aetna Inc	79⅛	–⅜
AFA	AffCmpS s	23⅞	–¼
AMG	AffMgrs n	25	+⅛
AEM	Agnico g	5⅜	+½
AGU	Agnum g	10⅜	+⅛
AHM	Ahmans	u64¼	+¹¹⁄₁₆
APD	AirProd	78½	+⅜
ANS	AirNatS	20¾	+⅝
ABF	AirFrt	72½	+2½
AFG	Airgas	13½	–⅛
ATI	AirTouch	40⅜	–⅜
ALPpB	AlaP pfB	24¾	...
ALPpC	AlaP pfC	25½	...
ALPpD	AlaP adj pf	24¾	...
ALPpQ	AlaPC pfQ	25¾	+⅛
ALK	AlskAir	37⅞	–⅝
AIN	Albnylin	22⅜	–¼
ALB	Albemar	24¹⁵⁄₁₆	–⅛
ACV	Alberto s	31⅛	+⅝
ACO/A	AlcCulA s	26	+⅛
ABS	Albertsn	45⅝	–⅛
	Alcan	28½	–⅛
ALA	Alcatel	25¾	–⅛
ARE	AlexRE n	30½	–⅜
AYE	AlgEngy	30⅜	+⅜
ALT	AlegTeldy	25⅞	
AEH	Allegiance	33⅞	+⅛
ALN	AllenTel	17⅞	–1¼
AGN	Allergn	34½	+⅛
AC	AlnCap	37¹⁵⁄₁₆	+¼
AWG	AllWrld	16¹¹	+¼
AWF	AlWrld2	14½	–⅛
ATK	AlliTch	58⅜	–¹¹
GRP	AlsGrp s	27	–½
ALD	AlsSgnl s	37⅝	–1¼
ALL	Allstate	91¼	–2½
AT	Alltel	39⅝	+⅝
ALO	Alpnarma	23⅜	+¾
AGI	AlpineGr	20⅜	–⅛
AMX	Alumax	32⅞	+⅛
AA	Alcoa	71½	+¾
AZA	Alza	28⅛	+¼
AL	AmaxG	2⅛	+⅛
ABK	AmbacF s	43⅜	–⅞
AHC	AmHes	53⅛	–⅞
AOL	AmOnline	85	–1½
AwA	AmWest	18⅝	–⅛
AEP	AEP	49⅝	+⅛
AXP	AmExp	u87¼	–⅝
AFG	AFnclGp	38	–⅝
AGC	AGenCp	53⅜	+⅝
AGT	AGnHosp	26⅞	–⅛
AGF	AmGvt	5¼	
AAF	AGrP	6¼	
AHP	AHome	76½	+1
AIG	AmIntG s	104–1⅞	
PLB	AlPC n	u25⅜	+½
OIF	AOIF	6⅛	
AGP	APadP	13¾	–⅜
INV	APlesIT n	d13¾	–⅛
SKI	ASkiing n	16	–⅝
ASD	AmStd	39⅝	–⅞
ASC	AmStor s	20⅛	–⅛
BSP	AmSiP2	11⅝	
CSP	AmSiP3	11¼	–⅛
AW	AlWste	11⅛	+⅛
AWK	AmWtr	25¼	–1⅛
ACF	Amercrd	25⅝	–1⅛
AQS	AmerqTc	¼	
AIT	Amerisch	78	+2⅛
AN	Amoco	87¼	+⅞
AMP	AMP	42⅞	–1⅞
ASO	AmSouth s	54⅝	–1¼
AAP	AmwyAsd	18¹¹⁄₁₆	–1⅛
AJL	Amwayu	9⅞	
APC	Anadrk	62⅝	–1
ADI	Analog s	27⅜	–1¹¹
BUD	Anheus	42¹⁵⁄₁₆	+⅛
AXE	Anixter	16⅞	–⅝
ANN	AnnTayl	13⅝	–⅝
NLY	Annaly n	10⅞	+⅛
AOC	Aon Cp s	54⅛	+⅜
APA	Apache	35⅛	–1
AIv	Aptinv	34⅞	–⅜
AXM	ApexMtg	d14½	
APM	AppIMg	d13⅜	–¹¹
APW	ApplePw	67¼	–⅜
AQG	Apria	15⅛	–⅜
ARA	Aracruz	sd13⅞	–⅜
AAC	ArcadiaFn	d6⅜	–⅛
ACI	ArchCoal	25⅞	–⅛
ADM	ArchDan	20⅜	–¼
ARI	ArdenRlt	30½	+⅛
AGRPA	ArgPC prA	25⅝	+⅛
AS	Arimco	5⅜	–⅜
ACX	ArmWl	72⅜	+½
APW	ArrowEl s	34⅞	–¹¹
ARV	Arvin	33½	–⅞
AR	Asarco	24⅜	–½
ASL	Ashanti	8½	+⅜
ASH	Ashland	47⅜	+⅝
APB	AsiaPc	8	–⅛
ARH	AsiaPR	3	–⅞
PAP	AsiaPtp	11⅜	
GRR	AsiaTgr	7½	–⅜
AEC	AsdEstat	23⅛	–⅛
AFS	AscFCap	86⅛	+⅞
A	AstraAs	17⅝	–⅛
ATE	AtEnrg	20½	–⅛
ARC	AtlRich s	76⅞	–⅜
ATO	ATMOS	26⅝	–⅛
ATW	AtwdOcn s	49⅜	–⅛
ASM	AuthFit	u19⅝	+⅞
ALY	Autoliv n	36½	–½
RTR	ACES Tr n	24⅞	–½
AUD	AutoDt	18½	–½
AZO	AutoZone	29	
AVN	AvalonPr	30⅛	
AVY	AveryD	42⅝	–⅜
AVL	Avnall	14⅜	–⅛
AVI	Avns n	33⅝	+⅛
AVT	Avnet	71⅝	–1⅜
AVP	Avon	62¼	+1⅝
AZR	Aztar	d8¾	–⅝
AZZ	AztcM	14⅜	–⅛
BBK	BB&T Cp	64¼	+½
BCE	BCE g s	33⅞	+½
FBF	BEA Inco	8⅝	
BJS	BJS	78½	–1
BMC	BMC	18⅛	–⅛
BPT	BP Pru	16½	–⅝
BRE	BRE	28⅛	–⅝
BHI	BakrHu	43⅞	–1⅜
BLL	Ball	36⅝	–⅜
BMP	Ballard	22⅜	+⅜
BGE	BaltGE	30⅞	+⅝
ONE	BancOne	56⅛	–⅛
BFR	BncoFrn	27	–1⅜
BRS	BcoRioP	n12½	–⅜
BWP	BcoWiese	5⅞	–⅜
BXS	BcpSouthu	44⅜	+1⅛
BDG	Bandag	51¹¹	+⅜
BGR	BangH	6⅛	
MBK	BkTokyo	14½	+⅛
BK	BkNY	56¼	
BAC	BankAm s	78½	–2⅝
BBX	BkAtlA s	14⅞	+⅞
BKB	BkBost	93⅜	–3¹⁵⁄₁₆
BT	BankTr	127⅜	–1⅝
BCR	Bard	30¹¹	+⅛
BKS	BarnNbl s	33⅜	–⅝
BBI	Barnett	73¹⁄₁₆	–¹¹
BRR	BarrettRs	28	–¹¹
ABX	BarrickG	16½	+⅜
BMG	BatlMt	5⅛	+⅜
BOL	Bausch L	39⅜	–⅝
BAX	Baxter	51⅝	+1⅛
BYAp	BayAp pfC	25¼	–⅛
BAY	BayNtwk	25⅛	–2⅜
BCN	BeaconPr	48⅛	–⅜
BCNpA	BeaconP pf	26⅛	
BSC	BearSt	46	–⅝
BSCpA	BearS pf	u47¼	+1¼
BEC	Beckns	41⅛	–⅛
BDX	BectDk	52¾	+½
BWC	Beiden	35⅛	–⅜
BHW	BellAtl	90⅝	+1
BLS	BellSo	56¼	+⅛
BLC	BelcoA	50½	+¼
BMS	Bemis	43⅝	+⅛
BNV	Benckisr n	u35⅞	–⅜
BNL	BenefCp	81⅜	–⅝
BEI	BergEl s	20⅞	–1
BBC	BergBr s	40⅜	–⅜
BRK/A	BerkHa	A46000	–400
BRY	BerryP	19	+⅛
BBY	BestBuy	39⅞	+½
BBYpM	BestB pf	u50⅜	+⅜
BS	BethSt	8⅞	–⅜
BEV/Wi	Bevrly w	u13¼	–⅛
BVF	Biovail	u36⅝	–⅞
BIR	BirSti	15⅜	–¼
BDK	BlackD	38⅞	–½
BKH	BlkHiCp	33⅞	–⅛
BBT	Blk1998	9¾	
BLK	Blk2001	8½	
BKT	BlkIT	6⅝	
BMT	BlkIMT	10⅞	+⅛
BQT	BlkIQT	8⅜	
BMN	BlkMTar	11	+⅛
BGT	BlkStr	8⅜	–⅛
BTT	BlkTT	9⅝	
HRB	BlckHR	43¼	+⅜
BTH	Blyth s	30⅝	–⅛
BA	Boeing s	49⅝	–⅛
BCC	BoiseC	29⅜	–1½
BCCpF	BoisC pfF	25½	–⅛
BBA	Bombay	4⅞	–⅝
BCU	BordCh	8⅜	
BGP	Borders s	30⅞	+⅛
BWA	BorgWA	47⅜	–⅝
BSE	BostEd	35⅜	+1¼
BXP	BostPrp n	34⅛	–⅝
BSX	BostSc	45	+⅛
BSN	BostTech	24⅛	–⅛
BOW	Bowatr	42½	–⅛
BXH	BoxHill n	11⅜	+⅜
BRH	Brahma n	12⅝	–⅜
BDN	Brandyw	24⅛	
BZF	Brazil	21⅜	–⅞
BZL	BrazilEF	12⅛	–½
BDT	BrdgTch	21⅛	–⅛
BGG	BrgStrat	51⅞	–⅞
EAT	Brinker	15⅞	–½
BMY	BrMySq	s96	⅝
+1 ⅛			
BP	BritPet s	82⅛	–¹¹
BST	BritSti	23⅝	–⅛
BHP	BHP	18⅞	–⅞
BF/A	BrwnFA	51	+⅜
BF/B	BrwnFB	53	+⅜
BG	BrwnGp	14	+⅛
BFI	BrwnFr	35¼	+⅜
BC	Brnwk	29¹¹	–⅜
BKE	Buckle s	35⅝	+1⅛
BD	BudgetGp	34½	
BUR	Burlnds	14⅛	
BNI	BurlNSF	94⅞	
BR	BrtRsc	43⅝	+⅛
BRU	BurlRsCl	6⅜	–⅛
VNT	CANTV	39¹¹⁄₁₆	–1⅜
CBL	CBL Assc	25	
CBS	CBS	29⅜	–⅝
CI	CIGNA	169¼	–6⅛
CIT	CIT Gp n	31⅝	–1⅝
CKR	CKE Rst s	40	–1
CML	CML Gp	3⅝	+⅛
CMS	CMS Eng	38⅜	+⅜
CNF	CNF Trans	44¼	+⅝
CPC	CPC	u108	–⅛
CPY	CPI	21⅝	
CSX	CSX	53¼	–¹¹
CU	CUC Intl	31⅝	–⅛
CVS	CVS Corp	65¼	+1¼
CWP	CabWire	26⅝	–⅞
CDT	CabtDsgn	38¼	–1½
CS	Cabltrn	d14⅜	–⅞
CBT	Cabot	26⅞	+¼
CDN	Cadence s	26¹³⁄₁₆	–
1⅞			
CDF	CadFair n	24⅛	–½
CE	Calenergy	30½	–1¹¹⁄₁₆
CCC	Calgon	10⅝	–⅛
CLI	CalRlty	39¼	–⅛
CBB	Caliber	53⅝	–⅞
ELY	CallGolf	30⅜	–⅜
CAM	Camco	63	–⅜
CPT	CamdnP	32⅛	+⅛
CCH	CmpR g	7⅝	+⅛
CPB	CampSp s	56⅜	–¼
CNI	CdnPcy g	50⅞	–⅝
CP	CdnPc g	28⅝	–⅜
CSU	CapSenL n	12¾	–⅛
KAP	CapMAC	34⅜	–⅛
CHO	Capstar	34⅝	–1⅛
CMO	Capstd	22⅝	–1⅝
CAH	CardnlH	75⅜	–⅞
CWC	Carbnr s	42¼	+½
CRL	Carlyle	1⅜	+⅛
CCL	CarnvCp	52¹¹	+⅜
CPL	CaroPw	37⅜	+⅛
CIC	Carson	7⅝	–⅜
CAR	CartWal	17⅛	–⅛
CSE	CaseCp	62⅝	–⅜
POS	CashMkt	47⅝	–1⅝
CDX	Catelus	19	–½
CAT	Caterp s	49¹⁵⁄₁₆	–⅝
CTX	Cantex	61¼	–¹⁵⁄₁₆
CSR	CenSoWst	25⅞	+⅛
CNL	CenLAEI	28⅝	+⅛
CTP	CeMPw	14⅜	+⅛
CTL	CntyTl	47⅜	+1⅞
CEN	Cendian	u47¼	+1⅝
CHB	Chmpe	20	–⅛
CHA	Chmpin	47⅛	–2¼
CMB	ChaseM	112¼	–3⅝
CHS	Chaus s	9⅛	
CKP	Checkpnt	15⅝	–⅛
CCG	ChelGCA	38⅛	+⅛
CSK	Chspk	33⅞	–⅜
CHK	ChesEng s	7⅝	+⅛
CHV	Chevron	78¼	–⅛
CBI	ChicB&I n	15⅝	–⅜
CTC	ChileTel s	27⅛	–1⅜
CHL	ChinaTl n	32⅜	–¹¹
CQB	Chiquita	16⅛	
CPS	Chockpt n	u43⅜	+¼
C	Chryslr	36	–⅞
CB	Chubb	76½	–¹¹
CHD	ChurchT	28⅝	–⅜
CBR	CIBER	47¼	–1½
CSN	CinnBell s	28⅛	–⅜
CMZ	CinMil	26¹¹	
CPX	CineOd	1⅝	
CIN	CINergy	34⅛	–⅛
KMX	CirCCar n	d8¹⁵⁄₁₆	–⅛
CC	CircCtyCC	32⅛	+⅝
CIR	Circus	21¹¹	–⅜
CCI	Citicorp	132	–5⅞
CZN	CitzUtil	9¹¹	+⅛
CYN	CityNC	34½	+⅝
CLE	ClairesStr	20⅛	+⅜
CMH	Clayth	17⅛	–⅜
CCU	ClearC u	73⅛	–⅜
CDG	CliffsDr s	60	–2
CLX	Clorox s	79½	
GOA	Coachmen	22⅝	
CSA	CoastSv	u64	+¹¹
CGP	Coastal	80⅛	–⅛
DR	CstlPhys	1	+⅛
KO	CocaCl	63⅞	+⅛
CCE	CocaCE s	33⅛	+⅜
KOF	CCFemsa	54⅝	–1¹⁵⁄₁₆
CDE	Coeur	8¹¹	+¹¹⁄₁₆
CDEp	Coeur pf	13¹¹	+⅝
CZT	Cogniznt	44¼	–⅜
CNJ	ColeNatl	35½	–⅞
CL	ColgPal s	70⅜	+1⅛
COH	ColtHn	8½	
CLP	ColonPT	29⅜	+⅛
CLPpA	ColnP pfA	24¹⁵⁄₁₆	⅛
COT	Coltec	23⅜	–⅝
COL	ColumGas	78⅝	+⅞
COH	ColHCA	30⅜	+⅛
CDO	Comdisc s	32¹¹	–1¹¹⁄₁₆
CMA	Comeric	u91	+1
FIX	ComfrtS n	17⅛	+⅛
CTV	ComScop	n12½	+½
GPU	GmpUSA	31⅞	–3⅜
CBD	CBD n	16¼	–⅛
CPQ	Compaq s	60	–3⅜
CMI	CmpMan	15½	–⅜
CA	CompAs s	52⅜	+3⅛
CSC	CompSci	79	–⅝
TSK	CmpTsk s	33⅜	+⅛
CVN	Cmptvsn	3⅝	–⅛
CQ	Comsat	23¹¹	–⅜
CRK	ComstkRs	12¹¹	–1³⁄₁₆
CAG	ConAgra s	37⅜	+⅜
CAGE	ConAgra	37⅜	+⅜
CNE	ConnEn	27	+½
CNC	Conseco s	43⅞	+⅛
CNCpF	Consc pfF	49½	
ED	ConEd	37⅝	+⅛
CNG	ConsNG	59½	+⅜
CNS	ConStor s	49¹⁵⁄₁₆	+⅞
CFN	Contfncl	28¹⁵⁄₁₆	–2¹¹⁄₁₆
CAb	CtlAir B	46½	–⅝
CTH	CtlHme	33⅝	–⅜
CVE	Converse	6⅝	–⅜
COO	CoopCo	41¼	–⅛
CBE	Cooper	50¼	–½
CRH	CoramH	3⅞	–⅛
CFL	CoreStF	79⅛	–⅜
TCR	CornRit n	12⅜	+⅛
GLWpM	CornD pf	64¼	–2⅞
GLW	Corningin	39⅝	–2⅜
CXC	CorrectCp	34½	–⅛
CCR	CntwCrd	40⅝	–⅜
CUZ	CousPr	30⅞	–1⅛
CVD	Covance n	18⅞	+⅛
COX	CoxCm	u37¼	+1⅝
CEI	CresRE s	37⅛	–1⅛
CF	Crestar s	54⅝	–⅜
CMM	CrimiMa	14⅞	–¼
CNK	CrmpKni	26¼	+⅞
XTO	CrosTbr s	23⅞	–⅜
CRT	CrosTim	17⅞	+⅛
CCK	CwnCork	49½	+¼
CUM	CumEng	62¹¹	–1¹⁵⁄₁₆
CY	CypSem	d9⅝	–⅜
CYM	Cyprus	d16⅝	–⅝
CRF	CzechFd	11⅞	–⅛

DIE-F

DDL	DDL Elc	7⅜	
DPL	DPL	26¼	
DHI	DR Horton	19¹⁵⁄₁₆	–⅜
DSP	DSP Com	13⅝	–1⅞
DST	DST Sys	42⅝	–1¹⁵⁄₁₆
DTE	DTE	31⅞	+⅛
DS	DaiSam	40¼	–⅝
DRF	DanRivr n	15½	+¼
DCN	DanaCp	48⅞	+⅜
DHR	Danaher	61½	
DAN	Daniel	19	+⅛
DRI	Darden	11⅝	–½
DGN	DataGn	17⅛	–½
DPT	Datapt	3¼	–⅛
DH	DaytHud	70⅞	–⅝
DF	DeanFd	53⅝	
DBS	DebtStrt n	10⅜	–⅛
DE	Deere	56–2⅝	
DEW	DeimPj	21⅝	+⅛
DFG	DelphiFn	38½	–1½
DAL	DeltaAir	u120⅛	+⅜
DFC	DeltaFn	15⅞	–⅜
DLW	DeltaW	5⅜	–⅛
DLX	Deluxe	36⅝	–⅛
DEP	DepGlty	56⅜	+⅜
DES	DescSA	38⅜	–⅜
DSH	DesignH	10⅛	–¹⁄₁₆
DL	Dial	20	+⅝
DO	DiaOffs s	51⅝	–⅞
DBD	Diebold s	47–1½	
DEC	Digital	40⅜	–1³⁄₁₆
DDS	Dillards	35⅞	–⅛
DIME	DimeBcp	25¼	–½
DXO	Disco	37	–¹¹
DIS	Disney	93⅛	–½
DOL	Dole	46⅞	–⅝
DG	DollarG s	36¼	–¹¹
D	DomRes	39⅛	
DLu	DonLu	u87⅝	+¼
DK	DKaran	14⅛	+½
DNY	Donlley	35⅛	–⅜
DOV	Dover	68¹¹	–¹¹
DOW	DowCh	99⅛	–⅜
DJ	DowJns	53⅜	–¹¹
DSL	DowneyFn	28½	–⅜
DRv	Dravo	9⅞	
DI	Dressr	42¹¹	–⅜
DSi	DryStG	9¼	+⅛
DD	DuPont s	83⅜	–½
DNP	DufPutIn	10¹	
DUK	DukeEngy	51⅜	–⅛
DRE	DukeRlty s	22⅜	–⅛
DNB	DunBrd	29⅜	+⅜
DY	Dycom	23⅛	+⅝
DX	DynexCs	1⅛	+1³⁄₃₂
EA	EAInds s	6½	+½
EGG	EGG	19¹¹	–⅝
EMC	EMC s	26	–1⅝
EVI	EVI Inc s	52⅝	–1¼
EUA	EastUti	24⅜	+⅛
EGP	Eastgrp s	21¹⁵⁄₁₆	
EMN	EastChm	59⅛	+⅜
EK	EKodak	57–1½	
ETN	Eaton	94½	–⅝
ECH	Echlin	32¹¹	–⅛
EIX	Edisonint	26¹¹	–⅝
AGE	Edwards s	35⅝	–⅝
EPG	ElPasNG	60	–¼
ELN	Elan	54	–1⅛
ELK	Elcor s	25⅝	–1⅛
EDS	EDS	39⅝	–⅜
ELF	ElfAqut	56⅛	–1⅜
EOLpB	ElfOv pfB	25½	...
AkO/A	EAndinA s	22	–⅜
EDF	EMinco2	15⅞	–⅜
ETF	EMTel	16½	–⅝
EMR	EmrsnEl s	56⅛	–⅞
EDE	EmpDist	19	–⅛
EOC	EEIChile	17⅛	–⅜
ICA	Empica	15⅞	–¹¹
ELE	Endesa s	18¹¹	
TEG	EnrgyGp	n42¹¹	+⅝
ENI	Enersis	28½	–⅛
EC	EngiCp	19¹¹	+⅜
ENA	Enova	25⅛	
ENE	Enron	40⅝	+⅜
ENEpC

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Thr	Name	Last	Chg
ACCC	ACC Cp	u52	+½
ACEC	ACE CO	14	-2
ACTM	ACT Mf	13⅜	+1½
ANET	ACT Net	7⅛	-⅛
ADCT	ADC Tel	36⅛	-⅛
ADEX	ADECp	21¼	-2⅜
AGÂ	AG Asc	5¼	
AMBI	AMBI	2¾	
ASTSF	ASE Tst	68	+4¼
ASMIF	ASM Intl	9⅜	-⅛
ASMLF	ASM Lith	984	-5½
ABACF	Abacan	4⅞	-⅛
ABTE	AbleTel	9	-1⅛
AJAS	Abraxas	15½	-¼
ACNTF	AccentS	d1⅝	-1⅝
ACCS	AccesHlt	32	
AkLM	Acclaim	4	-⅛
ACMI	AccuMed	d1	-⅛
ACTL	Actel	d12⅞	-⅛
ACTN	ActPerf	31⅞	-1⅛
ATVI	Activisn	16⅜	
ACXM	Acxiom	16⅝	+⅛
ADPT	Adaptec	40¾	-1⅛
ADBE	AdobeSy	40⅝	-1
ADLRF	AdrianR	1	-⅛
ADTN	Adtran	32⅜	-1⅞
AASi	AdvA&S n	4¼	+¼
AASiW	AA&S wtA	1	+½
AASiZ	AA&S wtB	½	+½
ADIC	AdvDin	16⅞	-⅜
AFCI	AdvFCm	29⅛	-1¼
AMVC	AdvMcNv	2¼	-¼
ATIS	AdvTiss	14⅛	-⅜
ADVNB	AdvantB	¡ 27	
AFFX	Affymet	35⅛	+⅜
AGPH	Agourn s	29	-1
ABTX	AgriBio	u14	+⅝
AAIRD	AirTran	4⅝	-⅛
AKZOY	Akzo	86½	-¾
ALLP	Alanph	8⅛	-⅝
ALSC	AlnSem	d5½	-¾
AWIN	AldWire	21½	-¾
ABTI	AlphaBta	2¾	+¾
ALTIF	Altarint n	11¼	-1¼
ALTN	Alteon	8¾	-¼
ALTR	Altera	35⅞	-1⅞
ALRN	Altron	14⅝	-1⅛
ALYD	Alydaar n	d14⅞	-2⅛
AMTX	Amati	19⅜	
AMBXA	AmBiogn	1⅝	-1/32
ACNS	AComnS	12½	-⅜
AEOS	AEagleO	u38¾	+1⅝
AGREA	AGreer	36¾	
AIPN	AimPrt	4	+1/32
AMSY	AMS	23⅛	-⅛
DIVE	AmOilfDv	12	+⅛
AORI	AOnco	15⅝	-1⅛
APCC	APwrCnv	28	-3
ATEL	AmTele	31/32	-1/16
AUGI	AultoGlb	2⅛	-5/32
AMES	AmesDS	18⅛	-1⅛
AMGN	Amgen	52¾	+1/16
AMXI	Amnex	19⅜	-1/32
AMMB	Amresco	26¼	-2⅛
AMLN	Amylin	d5⅞	-⅛
ANAD	Anadigic s	27½	-1¾
SLOT	AncnGm	53	-⅞
ANDW	Andrew s	24⅛	+⅜
ANIC	Anicom	15⅞	-1
ANTC	Antec	14⅜	-⅜
APEX	ApexPC n	20½	-1⅝
APOG	ApogeeE s	21¾	-¾
APOL	ApolloG	46½	+⅜
AAPL	AppleC	14¾	-⅝
APSO	AppliSou	17¾	-¼
APPB	Applebee	21⅝	-1
ACTC	ApriCott n	5⅜	-⅛
ARIAT	ArbitMat s	31⅝	-1½
ARLX	Arglas	8⅛	-⅜
AQCR	AquaCre	9⅜	
ARCSEF	Arakis	2⅜	-⅛
ARBW	ArborSft	33¾	-1⅜
ADSP	ArielCp	6	-⅛
AINO	Arnold	18⅝	+⅛
ARRS	ArrisPn	9⅜	-⅛
AVEI	Artvasc	63	-⅜
ASND	Ascend	27⅜	-1⅛
ASDV	AspctDev	41	-1
AZPN	AspenTc s	37⅞	-⅜
ASYT	AsystTch s	27¾	-1⅛
ATHM	Athome n	23⅛	-⅞
ACÂ	AtCstAr	26⅝	-⅞
ATML	Atmel	20½	-⅛
AURA	AuraSy	3	-1/32
ASFD	AuthSpcl n	11	-⅛
AUSK	Autodesk	37½	-1⅛
AIMM	Automnu	2¾	-1/32
APCO	AutProt	6⅞	
AVNT	Avanti	21⅜	-1⅛
AVID	AvidTch	29	-1
AXNT	AxentT	18½	-¼
AZUR	Azurel wt	⅝	
BCÂM	BCÂM Int	1⅛	-1/32
BEÂV	BE Aero	25½	-1 2⅞
BEAS	BEA Sys n	15⅝	+⅜
BHIKF	BHI Cp	u30⅞	+⅜
BSYS	BISYS	33½	+¾
BMCS	BMC Soft	62¾	-¾
BPIE	BPI Pkg	1⅝	+1/32
BÂANF	Baan	7¼	-1⅛
BGÂLY	BncoGaic	25¼	-1⅛
BVCC	BayVw s	35	+½
BBBY	BedBath	34⅜	+⅜
BELW	Bellwgh	11¼	-½
BCHE	BioPhar s	27⅜	-⅞
BIOC	Biocirc	¼	-1/16
BICO	Bioctrl	¼	+1/32
BGEN	Biogen	36⅜	+½
BMET	Biomet	24⅜	-⅞
BTGC	BioTcG	12⅜	-⅞
BTIM	Biotime s	19½	-1⅝
BBOX	BlackBx	37¼	-1¼
BOBE	BobEvn	21⅞	+½
BORL	Borlnd	9⅝	-⅛
BOST	BostChk	7½	-¼
BCGI	BostnCom	10⅛	+⅜
PUTT	BrasseGp	⅛	
CELL	Brightpt s	18⅝	-1⅞
BBTK	BrdbdTc	3⅞	-⅞
BROD	BrodSft	33⅝	-1⅛
BRKS	BrooksÂu	16⅞	-1⅝
BFPT	BrooksF	58½	-⅜
BEAN	BroGour	1⅛	
TIMBR	BrownTom	19⅝	-⅞
BCMD	BrushCrk	11¼	+1/16
BOCB	Buffets	8⅞	-⅜
BOBJY	BusnObj	10⅜	-⅞
CUBE	C-CUBE	19⅜	-⅝
CFON	C-Phone	5⅞	-⅜
CÂWS	CÂ Wre	11¼	-⅝
CDRD	CDRadio	17¼	-⅛
CDWC	CDW Cpt	53	-6
CHSE	CHS El s	19⅜	-1
CNXS	CNS	d6¾	
CPÂK	CPÂC	10	
CSGS	CSGSys	33	-2⅝
CUNO	CUNO	17⅜	-⅜
CVTX	CV Thera	8½	-¼
CCWW	CableCo	d3½	-1/16
CLCI	Cadiz	7⅝	-⅜
CÂLVF	Caledon	d5⅝	-1/32
CÂTP	CambTch	u41¼	+⅜
XCEL	Cantbry	⅞	-⅛
CRRR	CaptecNt n	16	-1⅛
CARE	CareGp	13/32	
CMOS	CredSys	24⅜	-⅞
CRDÂp	CrdÂpp	5½	-⅛
CREE	CreeRsch	21⅜	-⅜
CMSI	Cryomed	½	
CRTM	CMathes	½	+1/16
CYBR	CyberMd	17½	-2⅞
CYMI	Cymer s	16⅞	-⅛
CYTL	Cytel	1	+1/32
CYKO	Cytogn	d2⅝	-1/32
CYTC	Cytyc	25⅝	+⅜

D E F I

DIIG	DII Grp s	23	-1
DIGI	DSC	22⅞	-⅛
DSIT	DSI Toys n	1⅜	-⅛
DÂNKY	Danka	36½	-2
DDIM	DtaDimn s	19⅜	-⅞
DSCP	Datascpe	26⅜	-1⅛
DÂNB	Dave&B s	23¼	-¼
DÂVX	Davox s	28⅛	-3 11
DWSN	Dawson	17½	-1⅛
DPSI	DawsnP	19	+¼
DBRSY	DBeer	19⅝	-⅛
DELL	DellCpt s	91⅛	-2⅝
DLPH	Delphif	15⅛	-1/32
DIMD	DiamM	9¾	-⅛
DIGL	DigLght n	19	+⅛
DMIC	DigMic s	15½	-⅛
DSLGF	Discreet	18⅜	-⅛
DOCX	DocuSci	d27⅜	-¼
DCTM	Documnt	33¾	-¼
DBCO	DomBrdge	2⅛	
DRFNY	DriefC	6⅜	+1/16
DPMI	DuPontP	40⅜	-1⅛
DURÂ	DuraPh	46¼	-1⅛
DRMD	Duramed	3⅝	+⅛
DROOY	DurbanRo	1	+3/32
DYGN	Dynagn	¼	-1/32
DHTI	DynHlth	4	+1/16
EGRP	ETrade	21½	-1⅛
ECILF	ECi Tel	26¼	-⅛
EISI	EIS Intl	5½	-½
E6CMF	ESCMed	33⅛	-⅛
ESST	ESSTech n	10⅜	-⅛
EGHT	Egghtrd	17¼	-⅛
ESCI	EarthSc	1	-1/16
EESI	EstnEn	21⅝	-⅜
EDFY	EdifyCp	14⅜	-⅝
EDUT	EduTrak n	23⅝	
EGGS	Egghead	7⅜	-⅛
ENBX	Einstnn	d6⅛	-1⅛
EGLS	Elctrgls	16⅛	-⅞
ERTS	ElcÂrt	35⅝	-⅞
EPIQ	ElecProc n	u9	+½
EFII	EFIi s	40⅜	-⅞
ELSI	Elctsrc	4	-1/32
ELRNF	ElronEl	15	-⅛
ESOL	EmpiySl	4⅞	-⅛
WIRE	EncoreW s	34⅜	-1⅛
ESON	Endsonc	10⅞	-1⅛
ENGYV	Energis wt	24	-⅛
ENTR	Entractv	2⅜	-⅛
ENZN	Enzon	6	-⅛
EQCS	EqCompr	2⅜	
ERICY	EricTel	35⅞	-2⅛
ERICZ	EricT ADO	4	-2/32
ETEC	EtecSys	40⅝	-⅜
EXBT	Exabyte	d8⅛	-1/32
XCIT	Excite n	24¼	-1⅜
EXTL	ExecTl	2⅛	
XTON	Executone	2⅛	-1/32
FEIC	FEI Co	14½	-½
FPÂM	FPÂ Mid	19⅞	-2⅛
FTPS	FTP Sft	13½	-1/32
FAST	Fastenl	41	-9¼
FITB	FifthThrd s	79	-1/32
FILE	FileNet	29⅞	-⅛
FINE	FineHost	18⅝	-5⅛
FINL	FinLine	15	-¼
FATN	FoÂtrn s	50	+1¼
FCOM	FComocC	70½	-⅜
FSCO	FSccOp s	35¾	-⅛
FTEN	FstTenn	69⅝	-⅛
FPFG	Frstplus	35⅜	-⅞
FISV	Fiserv	47¼	-⅜
FLDR	Flanders	7½	-⅛
FMXI	Foamex	10	-⅜
FONX	FonixCp	d4	-⅛
FCENÂ	FdCrtE n	½	
FDLNB	FdLioB	8½	
FDLNÂ	FdLioÂ	8½	+1/32
FORE	ForeSys	17¾	-⅛
FFST	4FrntSft n	7½	-⅛
FSFT	FrthShft	3⅜	+⅛
FMÂX	FranchM n	17¼	-⅜
FRED	Freds	24⅛	-1⅞
FSCNY	FreSCn	d3⅜	+⅛
FGIII	FGoldmn s	34⅛	-⅛
FRDM	Friedmn	14⅜	-⅜
FRND	Friendly n	d13⅞	-⅛
FRTZ	Frtz	14⅜	-⅛
FNGC	FrntNat	1¼	-1/32
FFEX	FrozenFd	9⅜	

G H I

GTIS	GT Interac	8⅞	
GADZ	Gadzooks	28⅜	+⅛
GALX	GlxyFd	⅞	
GALTF	GalileoT n	30	-1⅛
GART	Gartner	33½	-⅛
GSNX	Gasonics	10⅜	-1⅛
GATE	GateField	1⅜	-1/32
GMGC	GMagic	1⅛	-1/32
GNCI	GenNutr	34⅞	+1¼
GNSÂ	Gensva	8⅛	
GNTÂ	Genta	d7⅛	-⅛
GENZ	Genzym	27¼	+⅛
GENZL	GenzyTs	7⅜	+⅛
GOTK	GeoTek	1⅞	-1/32
GERN	GeronCp	9⅛	-1/32
GLÂS	Glasgal	4⅛	-⅛
GEMS	Glenayre	11	-1⅛
GLBL	Globlind s	16⅛	-⅛
GCOM	Globeco n	14⅞	+⅛
GTSX	GoltTSy	17/32	
GSMS	GulfSou	29⅜	-2⅛
HBOC	HBO s	47¼	+1⅛
HCIÂ	HCIÂ	12 17/32	-1 1/32
HEII	HEI Mn	5⅛	+⅛
HERC	HERC	½	-1/32
HMTT	HMTTch	13½	-1⅛
HNCS	HNC Sft	38⅝	-1¼
HSNI	HSN Inc	45½	-⅜
HADCO	Hadco	55	+3/32
HARCF	HarcorE	2⅞	-⅛
HRBC	Harbngr s	23	-⅛
HLIT	HarmLgt	3½	-⅛
HGMCY	HarmonyG	2⅜	+⅛
HAYS	Hayes	25⅝	-1⅛
HMSY	HlthMSys	8⅞	-⅝
HISS	HltCrim	11½	+⅜
HCCC	HltCmp	53⅛	+1⅛
HRTÂ	HrstÂrT n	29	-⅛
HPRT	Heartport	23½	-⅜
HELE	HeienTr s	12⅛	-⅛
HELX	HelixTch s	21	-⅞
HERBB	Herbitle	22½	-¼
HCBC	HighCnt n	14⅞	
HLYW	Hlywdfd	9¼	+⅛
HGSI	HumGen	40¼	-1⅝
JBHT	HuntBnk	17⅛	+⅛
HBÂN	HuntBnk	37⅛	-⅝
HTCH	HutchT s	20⅛	-1¼
HYSW	HyprSt	38⅜	-1⅛
ILNK	I-Link	6	-3/64
ITWO	i2 Tech	43⅞	-1⅝
ICGN	ICC Tch	d2⅛	-1/32
ICGX	ICG Com	24⅞	
ICOS	ICOS n	17	+⅛
IVISF	ICOS Vis n	10⅛	
IDPH	IDEC	36	-1⅛
IDIXX	IdexxLb	14⅛	-⅜
IDTC	IDTCorp	22⅝	+1⅛
IMCC	IMC Mt	13	-1⅜
IMPX	IMP	1	-1/32
ISCO	IsmiSup	2⅝	
IMÂT	Imatrn	3⅜	-⅛
IMGN	Imutgn	1	-1/32
IMNX	Imunex	54	
IMNT	Imnet	17⅛	-1⅛
ICMI	ImpCrdt n	15	-⅛
ICII	ImpCrd	20⅝	-⅜
INFS	InFocu	32½	-⅜
INVN	InVision s	9⅝	+½
INCY	Incyte s	34⅜	-1
INDGF	IndigoNV	4⅝	+1/32
IMRS	InfMgeR	28	-2⅝
IFMX	Informix	6	-⅛
SEEK	Infoseek	9⅛	-1/32
INHL	InhalTh	30½	-2⅛
INVX	Innovex s	23	-1⅛
INNO	Innovo	⅛	
NSIT	Insight s	35⅛	-2⅛
ICST	IntegCirc	22½	-2⅞
IDTI	IntgDv	9⅛	-⅛
IPEC	ItgPrc	16⅜	-⅜
INTC	Intel s	74	-⅝
INTCW	Intel wt s	54⅛	-⅞
ICOM	Intelect	5⅞	-⅞
INEL	IntelEl	5⅜	-⅛
INTL	IntrTel s	21	-⅝
IFSC	Intfrn	9	-⅛
INGR	Intgph	9⅝	-⅜
ICIX	IntrCm	52⅜	+1⅛
IÂSI	IntrÂtSv	14⅛	-⅛
IFCI	IntrFbcm	5½	-1/32
IPIC	Interneur	11	-½
ISLI	Intersilv	15⅝	-⅜
INTV	Intvoice	d8	-1⅛
INTU	Intuit	35⅛	-2⅛
IONÂY	IonaTch n	18⅛	+⅛
IONICY	Ionica n	5⅛	+⅛
IRIDF	IridmWr n	37⅛	-1⅞
IRSN	Irvine	1	
ISIP	Isis	13⅜	-⅛
OREX	Isolyser	d2 7/32	-1/32

J K L

JDEC	JD Edwr n	32⅜	+⅛
JBOH	JB Oxford	23/32	+1/32
JDÂS	JDÂSoft	32	-1⅜
JBIL	Jabil s	44⅝	-⅜
JÂVC	JavaCtrl	9⅜	-1/32
JMED	JonesM	35⅛	+⅜
JSTF	JstFeet	15⅜	-⅛
KLÂC	KLÂTenc	39⅝	-⅝
KOGC	KaiOG	2	
KMET	Kamet	19	-⅛
KLOFY	KlootG	3⅜	+⅛
KNIC	KnickLL	7⅜	+⅜
KMÂG	Komag	17⅜	-1/32
KOKR	KookR	d2	-⅛
KOSP	Kos Phrn	15½	-1⅛
KLIC	Kulicke	24⅞	-1⅛
LTXX	LTX	5⅜	-⅛
LAORF	LaTeko	⅝	+1/32
LBOR	LabrRdy s	21	+2⅜
LRCX	LamRsch	31⅛	-⅛
LDRY	Landrys	25⅞	-⅞
LSTR	Landstr	27⅛	-1⅛
LDII	LarDav	3⅛	-⅛
LÂSRF	Laser Ind	23½	-1/32
LÂSX	Lasertech	5⅛	
LMTS	LasrmTc	4⅞	+1/16
LSGT	Lasergte	d3⅛	-⅛
LSON	Lason	28	+⅜
LSCC	Lattice	58½	+⅜
LAYN	Layne	13⅜	-⅛
LGTO	Legato	39⅛	-1 3/32
LHSPF	LmHaus n	47½	-2⅛
LEVL	LevelOne s	29⅜	-2⅛
LGND	Ligand B	13⅞	
LLTC	LinearT	62⅞	-2⅝
LIPO	Lipbsm	5⅞	-1/32
RDHS	Logans	15⅜	-⅛
STÂR	LnaSStk	17⅛	-⅞
LBFC	LngBchF n	10⅞	-⅜
LISB	LI Bcp	46	-1⅛
LORX	Loronix	13⅜	-⅛
LCOS	Lycos	34⅛	-⅝

M N O

MCIC	MCI	44	-⅛
MIMS	MIM Cp	d4¼	-⅛
MRVC	MRV Cm	24⅝	-⅛
MVSI	MVSI n	6½	-⅜
MVSIW	MVSI wt	2⅝	-⅛
MCHM	MacroCh	8½	+1½
MACR	Macrmdia	8⅝	-1/32
MADGF	MadgeNt	5⅜	-⅛
MAGN	MagPht	8⅜	+⅛
MPET	MagePh	2⅜	+1/32
MANU	Manugst s	42¼	-1¼
MAPX	Mapics	10¼	-⅜
MDCO	MarDrl	24⅜	-⅜
MRIS	Marshlis	58½	-⅜
MATK	Martek	10⅛	+⅛
MATH	Mathsft	3	-⅛
MAVK	MavTube s	29⅜	-1⅞
MXIM	Maxim	68⅛	-⅞
MCCRK	McCor	26⅜	-⅛
MCLD	McLeod	39¼	+1⅛
MEDÂ	Medaph	6⅜	-1/16
MEDD	MedDvf	d½	-1/32
MRII	MedResc	8⅝	-2 1/32
MDMD	Mdmsk n	10⅜	-⅛
MEGO	MegoFin s	3⅝	+⅛
MMGC	MegoMrl	⅜	
MEHL	MehlBio	d1⅝	-1/32
MEHC	MehlWre	32½	-⅞
MENT	MentGr	9⅜	-⅛
MERQ	Mercintac	24⅞	-⅛
MSEL	Mersel	4½	-⅛
MRBI	Merlot	6½	+⅛
MERX	Merix Cp	15	-⅛
MCRE	MetaCreat	10	-1/32
METLF	MetalR g	1¼	+⅛
METHÂ	MethdÂ	16⅝	-1
MTNT	MetroNtw	29⅞	-½
MFNX	MtrmdF n	19⅛	+⅛
MIKL	MichlF	22⅞	+⅜
MIKE	MichStr	36	
MWHS	MicroWre	15⅜	-⅛
MICÂ	MicroAge	16⅜	-4⅝
MICTF	Microcll n	6⅞	-⅛
MCHP	Microchp s	33¼	-1⅞
MICR	MicronEl	d10⅛	-⅜
MPRS	MicrPrse	2½	-⅛
MSFT	Microsft	142¼	-2⅛
MWÂR	Micware n	5	-⅝
MDWY	MdwyÂr n	d16⅛	-⅜
MICDF	Midcmln	35⅜	-⅞
MINTX	Minntc	11¾	+1/32
MINRCY	Minorc	17½	-⅜
MIND	Mitcham	19¾	-⅜
MTEL	MbiTel	17⅞	-⅛
MOHK	Mohawk s	u21¼	+⅛
MDYN	MolecDy	14⅞	+⅛
MOLX	Molex s	37¾	+1⅛
MOLXÂ	MolexÂ s	25¾	-1⅛
MLTNQ	viMoltenM	d¾	
MCCO	MonacoC	24⅛	+1⅛
PSTÂ	MontPas	d1	-⅛
MPÂRY	MtcPrt	6½	-⅛
MYLX	Mylex	8⅝	+1/16
NÂBI	NÂBI	3½	-⅛
NÂLF	NÂL Fn	⅛	-1/32
NTÂF	NamTai	16⅞	+⅞
NEGX	NatEng	3⅝	-⅛
NRID	NatlReg	½	+1/32
NHTC	NatrHlth	⅛	
NAUT	Nautica	27⅝	-⅜
NMGC	NeoMgic n	15⅛	-⅛
NEOP	Neoprobe	9⅛	-⅛
NSPK	NetSpk n	22⅛	-⅞
NETC	Netcom	20⅜	-⅛
NETM	Netmng	2⅝	-⅛
NTPL	Netplex n	1⅞	-1/32
NSCP	Netscpe	27⅜	-⅝
NTST	Netsmst	2½	-⅛
NTÂP	NetwkAp	54½	-⅛
NETÂ	NetwkÂsc	49½	-⅝
NETS	NetwkE	5½	+⅛
IMGX	Nwkimg	d1½	-1/32
NPIX	NtwkPen	5⅜	-⅛
NXCO	Neurex	14⅞	-⅜
NTII	NeuroTc	d1⅝	+⅛
NRGN	Neurgn	13⅞	+⅛
NXTL	NextelCm	23⅞	-1
NXLK	Nextlink n	24	-⅜
NMBS	Nimbus	10⅝	+⅜
NSÂNY	Nissan	7⅜	
NCTI	NoiseCT	1⅛	-1/32
NOBE	Nordst	60½	-1½
NTRS	NorTrst	67¾	-1⅛
NWÂC	NwstÂirl	43¾	-⅝
NWPX	NwtPipe	22¾	-⅛
NOVL	Novell	8⅛	-⅛
NVLS	Novlus s	33⅜	-2
NOVN	Noven	6⅛	-⅜
NTMN	Nu-Tech	7/32	+1/32
NUCO	NuCo2 n	10⅝	+⅜
NKOT	NuKote	⅛	-1/16
OÂOT	OÂO Tc n	9⅜	-⅛
OÂKT	OakTech	8	-⅛
OCOM	ObjCom n	18⅛	-1⅞
OSII	ObjSys	10¼	
OBJS	ObjctShre	d½	-1/32
OÂIC	OceanÂ n	18⅜	-⅜
OILYF	OdyPetr g	2⅛	+⅛
OKEN	OldKent	77½	-⅞
OLCMF	Olcom	27⅜	-⅛
OMNI	OmniEnr n	11½	-⅛
OMPT	Omnipont	21⅝	-⅜
ONPT	OnPointT	2⅝	-⅛
ONSL	Onsale n	16⅜	-1⅜
OMKT	OpenMkt	11½	+⅞
OPTK	Optimag	3¹¹	+⅛
OPTN	OptnCr	3⅝	-⅜
ORCL	Oracle s	23⅞	+½
ORBI	OrbSci	24½	+½
ORBKF	Orbotch	43¼	-⅜
OREM	OriegMt	32⅛	-⅛
OLGC	Orthlog	5½	-⅛
FIBR	Oscom	26½	-1/32
OSSI	OutbkStk	30⅞	+¼
OVRL	OvrlndD n	6⅞	-⅛
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P Q R

PCMS	P.-Com s	17	-⅜
PCSS	PC Svc	5⅛	-⅛
PMCS	PMC Srra	26⅞	-1½
PMTS	PMT Svc	13⅝	-1¼
PRIÂ	PRI Auto s	31¼	-⅞
PRTG	PRT Grp n	13½	-1
PSIX	PSINet	6¼	-⅛
PCÂR	Paccar s	54⅜	-⅜
PGEX	PacGate n	45⅝	-1
PSUN	PacSun s	31⅜	+1⅝
PHSYB	PacifCB	53⅜	-⅝
PÂGE	PagingN	11¼	-⅛
PÂIR	PairgTch	20	-1 1/16
PALX	PalmEx n	11⅜	-1⅛
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PLLL	ParPet	6	+⅛
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PRKR	Parknsn	20¼	+⅛
PÂRL	Parlux	1⅜	+1/16
PDCO	PattDtsl	42¼	+⅛
PTEN	PattEng s	41⅜	-2⅛
PÂUH	Pharms	15	-1/16
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PENX	Penford	40⅜	+⅛
SPWY	PenskeMI	27⅜	-⅛
PHBK	PeopHnt	43	
PSFT	Peoplsft s	35½	+⅜
PBIO	PerSptv	12⅛	-1/16
PERI	Perphrn	9⅛	-⅛
PRGO	Perrigo	14⅛	-⅞
PETD	PetDv	5⅜	-⅛
PETM	PetsMart	6⅞	-⅛
DOSEO	PharM	11⅛	-⅜
PÂRS	Pharmos	2⅜	+1/16
PTEC	PhrxTc	14⅞	-⅛
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PHYN	PhysRsII	10⅜	-⅛
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RÂIL	RailÂm	6	+⅜
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RDRT	ReadRt	9⅞	-⅛
REDB	RedBrick	6⅜	-⅛
REDF	RedfedBc	19⅜	-⅛
REGL	RegCm	22⅜	-⅛
RGBK	RegnFn s	41⅜	+¼
REGI	Registry	40⅜	-1⅛
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RMDY	Remedy	39⅛	-⅝
RWÂY	RntWay	19⅛	-⅛
RNTK	Rentch	1⅜	-⅛
RSCR	ResCare	26⅛	+⅛
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Crude oil prices fall to 22-month lows

■ Prices fall amid signs Iraq will resume exports when OPEC increases production.

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Crude oil and gasoline fell almost 3 percent to their lowest prices in 22 months amid signs that exports from Iraq will resume at the same time OPEC boosts production.

"Come January we'll have Iraq exporting about 700,000 barrels to 1 million barrels of oil a day," said John Saucer, an analyst at Salomon Smith Barney Inc. in Houston. "There won't be a gap in Iraq's exports like we had earlier this year."

Prospects for more oil as well as forecast for warm weather helped drag heating oil and natural gas lower.

Crude oil fell 53 cents, or 2.8 percent, to $18.14 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after Iraq's foreign minister said he submitted a new plan to United Nations representatives in Iraq for the distribution of food and medicine paid for with the oil sales, traders said.

Gasoline dropped 1.71 cents, or 3 percent, to 54.26 cents a gallon on the Nymex, the lowest since Feb. 12, 1996. The American Automobile Association said today that retail pump prices were at their lowest since March 1996.

Crude prices jumped last week after Iraq suspended exports, about 1 percent of world supply, to press for speedier distribution of the relief supplies. UN officials said they haven't yet received Iraq's food distribution plans, which they weren't expecting until January.

In June Iraq halted exports for almost two months in response to delays earlier in the year.

Meantime, heating oil and natural gas fell amid forecasts for mild weather in northern regions of the country next week.

Heating oil for January delivery fell 1.46 cents, or 2.7 percent, to 51.66 cents a gallon on the Nymex, its lowest price since Sept. 10.

January natural gas for delivery at the Henry Hub in Louisiana fell 17.2 cents, or 6.8 percent, to $2.354 a million British thermal units on the Nymex, the lowest since Aug. 1.

"Oil collapsed, natural gas collapsed, electricity collapsed," said Hugo Zagaria, an international crude oil trader at Cargill Northeast Petroleum in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "I don't think it's just Iraq," he said. "The forecast is that we're looking at warm weather all the way to next week."

Electricity for delivery in January at the California-Oregon border fell 54 cents, or 2.3 percent, to $22.95 per megawatt hour on the Nymex.

Under an UN-sponsored accord, renewed last week, Iraq can export $2.14 billion worth of oil in a six-month period that began Friday to raise money to pay for food and medicine for its people. A resumption of Iraqi exports would come just as oil production from members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries rises.

At its final meeting of the year in Jakarta last month, OPEC agreed to raise its output quota by almost 10 percent beginning in January to 27.5 million barrels a day from 25.033 million.

With oil prices currently about 30 percent lower that they were in January, Iraq is likely to export more oil in the coming months that it did during the first half of the year to meet its export revenue target, traders said.

Iraq's oil exports "will probably be significantly above what we saw at the beginning of this year and a delay isn't likely," Saucer said.

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Retirement seminar

Smith Barney will host a seminar entitled "Selecting the Appropriate Retirement Plan for Your Business" on Saturday at 10 a.m. The seminar will be in the conference room at Smith Barney's offices, 6 Desta Drive.

Speakers will be Robert Hurlbut and James Groce, financial consultants with Smith Barney and Barry McDaniel, CPA, Trott & Co.

There is no charge but reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 620-6056.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK — The dollar fell sharply against the Japanese yen Wednesday, then recovered much of its losses amid shifting speculation about how aggressively the Japanese government will move to bolster the country's weak financial system.

The dollar also fell against the German mark as both currencies were hurt by the yen's surge during European trading.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 129.28 Japanese yen, down from 129.59 late Tuesday. The dollar was changing hands in New York at 1.7862 German marks, down from 1.7904.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.4460 Swiss francs, down from 1.4528; 5.9800 French francs, down from 5.9902; 1,748.50 Italian lire, down from 1,751; and 1.4239 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4200.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6504, down from $1.6507.

Gender earnings

GENEVA — Despite growing numbers of women in managerial jobs worldwide, women earn less than men in those positions and hold just 2 to 3 percent of the top spots, a U.N. survey reported.

The report by the International Labor Organization said a glass ceiling — an invisible barrier of male-dominated networks and prejudices — still prevents women from reaching the top jobs.

In the United States and Canada, women make up 46 percent and 42 percent of management, respectively. But the report released Thursday cited a survey of the top 500 U.S. companies, which showed that women held just 2.4 percent of the highest-paid management jobs in 1995.

Bank merger

WASHINGTON — Clearing the largest U.S. bank merger to date, the Federal Reserve Board approved NationsBank Corp.'s $14.6 billion takeover of Barnett Banks Inc.

The banking regulators' action Wednesday allows creation of the nation's third-largest bank.

The new megabank will rank behind Chase Manhattan and Citicorp, replacing BankAmerica as the No. 3 U.S. banking company.

Corning buyout

CORNING, N.Y. — Corning Inc. thought it had finally gotten out of the business that made it a household name: glass casserole dishes, ceramic pans and pie plates that go as far back as World War I.

The nearly $1 billion buyout arranged last summer with New York-based AEA Investors Inc. had to be renegotiated in the fall because of weaker-than-expected sales.

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Markets fall on continued Asian woes

■ Dow drops 70.87 points as fallout from Asian currency crisis becomes clearer.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks fell along a broad front Wednesday, led by technology and banking shares, as Asia's economic crisis continued to endanger profits at U.S. multinational corporations.

The Dow Jones industrial average, at one point down more than 127 points, finished the day off 70.87 at 7,978.79. It was the first close below 8,000 this month.

Broad market indexes were lower as well.

"We're starting to see a clearer picture of the... fallout from the currency crisis in Asia," said First Albany Corp.'s market strategist, Hugh Johnson. "Investors were generally worried that the crisis would affect the U.S. economy and earnings, and now that concern is focused on individual companies."

Concern about U.S. vulnerability to problems in Asia is rising at an inconvenient time for stock investors, because valuations on Wall Street already are very high, said Larry Wachtel, a market strategist at Prudential Securities.

"We were in a market that demanded perfection," Wachtel said. With the Standard & Poor's 500 components fetching a very rich 20 times projected 1998 earnings — the 'E' in the P/E ratio of prices to earnings, "there can't be any problem with the E," Wachtel said. "All of the sudden, the E is under a cloud."

On Wednesday it was J.P. Morgan and the banking sector that was feeling the brunt of Asia's difficulties. Morgan, which derived 40 percent of its revenues this year from cross-country trading, said October and November trading revenues would be soft.

Nor was the trouble over in the technology sector, where many companies have seen the bulk of their sales growth in Asia.

Stocks dropped sharply Tuesday after Oracle Corp., a leader in computer systems technology, released disappointing earnings. Oracle, which plunged 9 7/16 on Tuesday, rose 1/2 to 23 7/16 on Wednesday. But the rest of the technology sector was sharply lower.

Dow component IBM fell 3 3/4 to 106 5/8. Compaq Computer lost 3 3/8 to 60 in leading volume on the Big Board, after Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. reportedly downgraded the stock.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index had its second steep loss in as many days, tumbling 23.94 to 1,596.61. The S&P 500 fell 9.73 to 966.05, and the NYSE composite index fell 3.16 to 507.70. The American Stock Exchange composite index lost 2.10 to 669.45.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by nearly 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was 602.08 million shares, up from Tuesday's pace of 538 million.



War of the french fries

Jim Watkins, senior vice-president of marketing, addresses the media during Burger King's crispier french fries unveiling Wednesday in New York. Miami-based Burger King, is hoping to burn archrival McDonald's Corp., with the updated french fry. In recent weeks, the fast-food giant has been promoting its fries, even airing a television ad showing Burger King fries while playing the 1950s love ballad "The Great Pretender."

AP Photo

Trade gap grows on Asian concerns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Asia's economic woes helped push the U.S. trade deficit sharply higher over the summer and early fall as Japanese firms, faced with deepening financial problems at home, sold off U.S. Treasury securities.

The Japanese went from net buyers of Treasury securities in the April-June quarter to become net sellers in July-September for the first time since late 1995, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

"Japanese firms ... are selling U.S. Treasury securities to shore up their wobbly balance sheets," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis. "According to Japanese accounting rules for foreign assets, the paper profit cannot be counted. ... That's why they have decided to sell, to book the profits."

Japan's central bank also is selling, to raise cash for loans to shaky financial institutions and businesses, Sohn said.

Although economists long have worried about what would happen if foreigners dumped huge holdings of government securities needed to finance the United States' $5.4 trillion national debt, the Japanese selling hasn't seemed to phase the Treasury market.

Short-term interest rates have edged higher, but rates have fallen at longer maturities as money managers pulled funds from Asia and parked them in safe havens such as the United States.

"By and large, the United States is a great place to invest, and most world investors are putting money here, not taking money out. But the Japanese need money, and selling U.S. treasuries is one way to get it," economist Allen Sinai of Primark Decision Economics in New York said.

In the third quarter, Europeans picked up much of the slack, boosting their purchases of Treasury securities to a record high, the Commerce Department said.

All told, foreigners bought $36.9 billion in Treasury securities in the third quarter, down from $45.1 billion in the second, the Commerce Department said.



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Motorola Corp.'s CreataLink, introduced nationwide Wednesday, is a pager that installs in vehicles which lets owners lock and start a car from afar, locate a vehicle lost in a parking lot, and disable the engine in a stolen car.

Motorola unveils new pager that also serves as car finder

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Pagers let you stay in close contact with your doctor, your parents and even your friends, so why not your car?

Motorola Corp. has created a pager that your car can wear.

The device — installed either under the dashboard or in the engine compartment — lets you find your car if you've forgotten where you parked it. It will also lock or unlock the car and start it from afar. And if the car gets stolen, the pager will let you cut the engine.

The device, called CreataLink, is similar to remote starters already on the market but has far greater range. You can use it on an airplane or when your car is on one side of the continent and you are on the other. Conventional starters have a range of only about 50 feet.

A customer dials the toll-free pager number and enters two codes — one to identify the vehicle, one to activate the system. The caller can then select from a list of functions, from unlocking the door to turning on the lights to starting or killing the engine.

The device, developed by Motorola's messaging systems group in Boynton Beach, Fla., costs $100 plus $25 for unlimited paging for a year. There is an additional $50 charge to install it in the car.

Some car owners might find CreataLink an unwelcome intrusion.

Motorola said car finance companies are interested in using the device to force deadbeat customers into making payments. The companies could send owners warnings by honking the car horn before cutting off the engine.

Car rental companies also are interested because customers often lock their keys in the car.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Selling a house on your own brings various problems

By Eric Tyson

Q: We live in a hot housing market, with many houses getting multiple offers. We have attempted to sell our house ourselves without success. What might we be doing wrong that is making our house not sell?



Tyson

A: Among the biggest problems with selling real estate is overpricing — deluding one's self as to the worth of one's home. Take a hard look at what comparable houses around yours are fetching, and that should tell you how much you've overpriced your home.

House sellers such as yourselves, who are trying to sell on their own without listing with a real estate agent, sometimes do a poor job of marketing the house. They might overlook such basics as a For Sale sign, for example. They also might not cooperate enough with real estate agents who are working with buyers.

Also, examine how well you've prepared your property for sale. If you've lived in your house for a number of years, you probably aren't able to be objective about your home's collected clutter and other warts.

Selling a house efficiently and for top dollar is harder than it looks. Consider interviewing several real estate agents, who can determine a listing price and offering marketing advice. Even if you stay committed to selling yourself, you should learn something by speaking with those agents.

Q: In the wake of the stock market's recent nosedive, I heard some people warning that back during the stock-market crash that began in 1929, it took investors 25 years to get back to even. Is that correct?

Also, I'm worried that so many people have gone into stocks there are few buyers left. Your thoughts?

A: According to researcher Susan Belden with the investment firm of Litman & Gregory, taking stock dividend payments and the deflation of the 1930s into account, it took investors who had the misfortune of buying at the very peak in 1929 about seven years to get back to even. Those who didn't buy right at the peak or were systematically buying every year fared better.

Despite all the current talk of people having too much money in stocks, the facts show another story. The percentage of U.S. household financial assets in stocks is 32 percent.

Q: I know this will seem like a really basic question, but I don't understand what stock is. Can you please explain it and how I can make money in stocks?

A: Stock represents shares of ownership in a company. When a company "goes public," it sells shares of ownership to the public. After that initial public offering, shares of the company's stock are traded between members of the public on one of the various stock exchanges.

Many stocks pay dividends, which represent a distribution of a portion of company profits. Those companies that elect not to pay dividends — often known as "growth companies" — reinvest their profits into their firms' expansion needs.

In addition to dividends, the other way you can make money investing in stocks is through the appreciation of a stock's price — which normally results from growth in revenues and corporate profits.

You can invest in stock by purchasing individual shares or by investing in a mutual fund that offers a diversified package of stocks. I prefer investing in stocks through funds. The best funds offer professional management at a reasonable cost, and they alleviate the individual investor of the burdens of research and monitoring.

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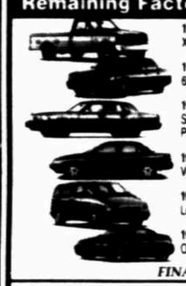
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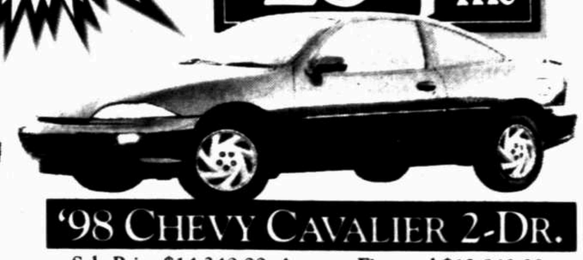
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310 General Help Wanted

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Midland, TX 79702
FAX (915)686-6085

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LAUNDRY Relief position. Must be able to read & write English and have good references. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

310 General Help Wanted

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED- The Central Y.M.C.A. needs certified life guards. Apply in person at 800 N. Big Spring.

MAINTENANCE PERSON for 64 unit property. Experienced only. 520-0722.

MAINTENANCE Person for small west side apartment. H & A/ C certified if possible. 694-2466 or 682-5305.

MANAGER POSITION. If you are highly motivated, and have excellent people & customer relation skills, please call 366-4333 for appointment. We prefer some experience in the automotive industry. Excellent compensation and benefits for the right individual.

MERCHANDISER part for national hardware chain. Send Replies to: Box P-06058, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NAIL TECHS- Georgia Ann's Nails, looking for Nail Technicians. 699-5844.

OTR DRIVER, clean CDL, 5 years experience, HazMat. Consistent miles, conventional trucks, sign- on bonus. Call, (915)523-9678.

PORTER needed must have good driving record, be over 18 years old. Apply in person at Dotson Nissan, 3917 W. Wall.

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❤ REPRESENTATIVES

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RESTAURANT. Cattle Baron is now hiring: Cooks, Servers, Busers. Benefits available. Apply in person only. Cattle Baron, 418 W. Wadley, Midland.

RESTAURANT. CHILIS Now Hiring Waitstaff. Experience preferred but not necessary. Apply in person no phone calls. 2100 W. Loop 250 North.



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You'll get a total of 14 consecutive days of advertising with this super plan. 24 words & a photo of your vehicle in a 1 column by 1.5 inch advertisement. We take photos on Tuesday from 2 to 3. Just bring your vehicle to us & we'll do the rest.
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With this special price, the $25 is payable in advance please. Call today for complete details.

Midland Reporter-Telegram **682-6222**

ONCOLOGY
NURSING COORDINATOR POSITION
HENDRICK CANCER CENTER

Hendrick Health System has an immediate opportunity for a Nursing Coordinator with the Hendrick Cancer Center. Full Time hours are available Monday through Friday with some weekend call. Qualified candidates will be graduates of a Professional School of Nursing, have their RN license, oncology and chemo experience and preferably some supervisory experience.

Our generous benefit package includes 21 days paid time off, 403(b) annuity plan, medical and dental insurance, long term disability, plus a health club and a flexible spending account.

Our location, three hours from Dallas, offers a rural lifestyle with low crime and reasonable cost of living.

HENDRICK MEDICAL CENTER

For immediate consideration, please contract:

Hendrick Health System
Attn: Laura Dick
1242 North 19th Street
Abilene, Texas 79601
(800)933-2289
(915)670-2295
(915)670-4417 fax

310 General Help Wanted

RESTAURANT. Fast Freddy's now hiring Waitpersons, not afraid of hard work and good money. Apply in person, 4310 W. Illinois.

SERVICE AGENT needed. Full time. Must be 21 years of age. Drug screening required. Apply at National Car Rental, Midland International Airport.

SERVICE ASSISTANT. Cimarron House has immediate openings for Personal Service Assistant. All positions available. Part time and full time. Must have home telephone and transportation. Competitive wages. Must be willing to work a rotating schedule. Applications at 3400 Caldera, Midland, Texas.

SHIPPING & RECEIVING

*Full Time
*Clerk position in charge of Shipping & Receiving Freight
*Delivery
*Stocking Items

For more information contact
Odessa Regional Hospital
Human Resources
334-8397
EOE

SHOP AGENT needed. Must have reliable transportation. Flexible hours. College students welcome, will work around hours. Apply in person at Budget Rent A Car, at Airport.

SKIP TRACER. Immediate opening for experienced skip tracer. Previous experience must be verifiable. Apply in person American Lenders Service Company, 312 E. 2nd, Odessa.

SONIC, America's Drive In, is now accepting applications for crew members, daytime and evening shifts available. We are hiring car-hops, cooks and counter help. Good wages, great working conditions and flexible schedules. Please apply in person, 1109 N. Midkiff.

THE Wild Scallion is accepting applications for all positions. Please apply in person between 2- 5 pm, Tuesday-Saturday, 4400 N. Midland Dr., Suite 504.

WANTED- FULL TIME Head of Maintenance at The Junction Apartments. Must be HVAC Certified, have own tools and pass drug test. Apply in person only- no phone calls, 1902 N. Midland Drive.

WELDERS

MIG welders for local manufacturing company. Certification not required will be tested.

LABOR

No Expenence required will train. Come By:

2501 E. I-20, Midland, Texas
Between 9 & 5
Monday- Friday.

311 Medical Help Wanted

Medical Accounts Receivable Manager

$15 per hour plus $5,000 bonus. Send resume and you will be contacted with details.
Send to:
Box 8976
Midland, TX 79708-8976

NURSEFINDERS OF WEST TEXAS

Full Time Clinical Supervisor, Kermit. Part/ Full Time RN Case Manager, Big Spring. Experience:

* RN license for two years
* Home Health Supervisory & Medicare experience
* Spanish speaking a plus

Fax or Mail resume to:
Mary Byars, RN
409 Andrews Highway
Midland, Texas 79701
Fax: 915-570-8084
EOE

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580-3535

NURSE needed for doctors office. Send resume to 2301 W. Michigan, Midland, TX 79701.

311 Medical Help Wanted

***SPANISH SPEAKING* RN's and LVN's**
needed to work PRN or full time. Sign- on bonus and possible benefits and salary. Must have home health experience. Call 570-4475 and ask for Jackie.

BILLING CLERK/ Secretary with experience needed for busy office. Medical Manager Software. Excellent benefits. Mail resume to: 2114 W. Tennessee, Midland, TX 79701.

CERTIFIED NURSE Aide- 2 Positions open, 10- 6. New salary scale! If you're the best, come join our team! Rockwood Manor, 2000 N Main.

LON MORRIS College now offering classes in Dental Assisting through local dentist. Classes to begin in February 1998. Registration limited. Call 683-5042.

LVN POSITION- Trinity Towers is now accepting applications for an LVN in the personal care department to work 3 days a week, 7 am to 3 pm. If you enjoy and are dedicated to caring for the elderly, come join our team. Applications can be picked up at: 2800 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701 and returned to Jean Box. EOE M/F

MEDICAL- Visiting Nurses of Del Rio, Inc. is now accepting applications for Primary HomeCare Providers. For application or more information, please call 1-800-532-0421 or write to: 403 W. 6th, Monahans, Texas 79756. EOE.

PHYSICIAN needs articulate, professional person with excellent public relations and communication skills for busy office. Duties include heavy phones, complex scheduling, computer skills. Knowledge of insurance and Medical Manager helpful. Please apply in person at 1304 W. Texas between the hours of 9:00 and 3:00 pm.

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

*Full Time
*RRT Preferred
*CPR Certified
*Texas License
*NICU Experience Preferred

For more information contact
Odessa Regional Hospital
Human Resources
334-8397
EOE

312 Professional Help Wanted

INTERNATIONAL OILFIELD Company has a local opening for a Sales Engineer. Must have an engineer degree. Should have a personable manner. Full benefits. Company vehicle. Salary depends on experience. Send replies to Box PJ- 3018, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

***REPORTER/ WEATHER ANCHOR**

KOSA News in Odessa, Texas has an immediate opening for a full time Reporter/ Weather Anchor. Must have a college degree in related field. Send tapes and resume to News Director, P.O. Box 4186., Odessa, TX 79760.

DRAFTING. Experience in P & ID's, skid piping and pressure vessels. Send resume with salary history and requirements to: Draftsman, PO Box 60478, Midland, Texas 79711.

INTERNATIONAL Student Exchange Organization seeks active community member to manage volunteer host family program. Experience in recruitment, sales preferred. Work part- time in a rewarding field. Commission, bonuses, travel rewards. 800-713-5391.

LEASE ANALYST- Contract/ Full- time. 3 to 5 years experience. Landpro experience preferred. Independent oil and gas operator Send resume to: Box P-06054, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

REPORTER/ PHOTOGRAPHER

KOSA News in Odessa, Texas has an immediate opening for an enterprising Reporter/ Photographer. Must have a college degree in a related field. Send resume and tape to News Director, 1211 North Whitaker, P.O. Box 4186, Odessa, TX 79760.

POSITION AVAILABLE
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
SEMINOLE AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce is seeking an Executive Vice-President. The person in this position will be responsible for directing tourism, commercial and community development programs.

Candidate must have strong communication skills as well as experience in staff management and preparing and operating under a budget. Must have the personality to work with volunteers.

Salary $12,000- $15,000 per year

Send resume before December 31, 1997 to:

Search Committee
c/o Randy Bailey
P.O. Box 790
Seminole, TX 79360

Titan Exploration, Inc.

A growing public oil and gas company, has openings for the following positions:

Revenue Accountant
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Joint Interest Billing Clerk
Accounts Payable Clerk
Data Entry Clerk

All applicants should have prior oil and gas experience working with an accounting software package and should be proficient in Excel and Word or comparable software in a windows environment.

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Please send resumes to:
Attn: Accounting Positions
PO Box 10629
Midland, Texas 79702

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Growing Midland Based company, seeking applicant responsible for all phases of Human Resources and risk Management. Candidate must have extensive knowledge and experience in payroll, employee benefit programs, policies and procedures, and employment law. Applicant should possess knowledge and experience in all property and casualty policies, claims handling (including job - related injuries), administration of safety programs. Accounting degree helpful, but not required. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box PJ-3017, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

316 Sales Help Wanted

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Fastest Growing Dealer in West Texas, Great Working Environment, Great Benefits:
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312 Professional Help Wanted

LIAISON- Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children has an opening for Community and Justice System Liaison. Must have a Bachelor's degree in criminology or one of the behavioral sciences and a minimum of two years experience working with the justice system in Midland community. Minorities and bilingual individuals encouraged to apply. Fax resume to 915-686-7186 or send to P.O. Box 2942, Midland, Texas 79702.

OIL & GAS Tax accountant needed. 4 Years experience. Call Keith, 687-1410.

PRODUCTION/ DRILLING SECRETARY

Midland Independent seeks dependable, enthusiastic secretary to assist the operations department. Duties include: daily drilling report, filing, telephone, AFE's and invoice handling with some state production reporting and other internal reports. Candidate must have computer skills using WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3, and Excel. Previous experience in production/ drilling will be a plus. Benefit package applies. Send resume, references and salary expectations in strict confidence to: Box T-5072, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST: Private practice with varied caseload seeking full- time or part- time CCC/SLP, CFY or Licensed Assistant. 570-4400.

TAX PREPARER- Midwest Tax Service is accepting applications for tax preparer for computerized tax refund office to be opened in Midland. Need to have experience in preparing income tax returns and data entry. Send resume to 102 W. Avenue "B" Street, Sweetwater, Texas 79556 or call Johnny Castereno at (915)235-8511.

TAX PROFESSIONAL. Part time opening for tax professional with local well established small CPA firm. Self starter with previous tax experience and proficiency in computer tax software required. Responsible primarily for tax compliance work with occasional research project. Non smoking environment. Send complete resume including experience with tax and other software along with compensation requirements to: Tax Position, P.O. Box 10833, Midland, Texas 79702 or fax to 915-685-0096.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

WIRELINE SERVICES OPENHOLE ENGINEER

BPB Wireline Services, specialist in openhole logging, is presently accepting applications for the above position. Openings to be filled are in Midland, Texas. All positions require a 4 year technical degree. Major logging company experience a plus but not required. Please forward you resume in confidence to:

BPB Wireline Services
P.O. Box 60507
Midland, Texas 79711-0507

314 Clerical Help Wanted

***ASSISTANT TO THE FINANCE MANAGER-**

Duties include: general office plus handling of health insurance; WordPerfect/ Lotus required. Please send your resume, salary requirements and references to: Jim Roye, P.O. Box 2237, Midland, TX 79702.

***Executive Land Secretary**

Permanent, Full- time position. Must have land experience. Great salary and Benefits. Call

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Telephone secretaries for evening shifts, including weekends; type minimum 35 wpm. Apply 10 am- 4 pm, Monday- Friday at:
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***Secretarial**
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***Oil & Gas**
***Never a fee**
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
684-0527

CLERICAL OPENINGS, at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 689-6607.

CLERICAL- Midland Co. F.S.A. is now hiring a temporary employee, must be able to meet the public, work with IBM computers, type 60 wpm, Ag. experience helpful. Interested applicants must apply in person at 1219 S. Fairgrounds Rd., between 8 am & 5pm Monday through Friday. Salary based on CO-3 level. Final date to apply is 12/12/97. Candidates will be considered without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliation, personal sponsorship, physical or mental handicaps, age, marital status or other non- merit factors.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

JOBS AVAILABLE
Select Staff
915-687-1545

LEGAL SECRETARY- Law firm seeking an individual proficient in Windows and Word Perfect with prior corporate/ commercial experience. Send to resume to: Box P-6057, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LEGAL SECRETARY. Must have experience, qualifications needed; Word 97, type 55 words per minute, bilingual, able to work independently. For appointment call Tony at 570-1013. Salary commensurate with qualifications.

OFFICE MANAGER wanted for small business. Non- smoking environment. Needs good attitude. Flexible hours (approximately 30 hours/ week). Computer skills preferred. Send resume to 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite A-7, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax to 682-3571.

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Temp & Perm positions. Locally & around the globe! 686-8360.

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RECEPTIONIST/ Secretary, typist, MS Word, notary preferred. Send resumes to: P.O. Box 10016, Midland, TX 79702.

SECRETARY- Non Smoking office needs Secretary with good foundation of WordPerfect 6.1, excellent typing, good telephone skills. Needs to be able to work well with others. Having worked in an area law office, a plus. Needs to be self motivated and have organizational skills. Also, position open for Copy Clerk. Heavy copying of important documents. Accurate typist, some WordPerfect 6.1 knowledge, and good telephone skills. Needs to work well with others. Call Loretta at 683-3032 for appointment.

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686-9722.

318 Management Help Wanted

***BE PART OF THE FUN!**

Hollywood Theaters is seeking enthusiastic individuals for Assistant Manager and Manager Trainee positions. Fax resume to: Marty Felts, (915)699-0200.

*MANAGER

PACKING MANAGER

Our fast growing Greenhouse operation has openings for Packing Managers in Marfa, Texas and Fredericksburg, Virginia Greenhouses. the ideal candidate will have experience in managing a fresh produce packing operation, preferably in packing tomatoes. The position will supervise the operation of a sophisticated sorter/ grader as well as the actual packing, storing and shipping activities of the greenhouse.

We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Please send resumes, including salary requirements, to: Human Resource Department, APD, Inc., 10 Alvin Court, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816 or fax: 732-257-2673.

MANAGER WITH experience needed for 68 unit complex. 694-2549 for interview.

RESTAURANT. Fuddrucker's now hiring Assistant Managers. Looking for professional outgoing individuals with good communication and organizational skills. Compensation up to $27,000 per year depending on experience. We offer paid vacations, comprehensive medical insurance, monthly and quarterly bonuses and promotion opportunities. Our managers, typically, have two days per week off. Please fax resume to 689-6544.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

OILFIELD SERVICE Company is hiring Company Sales Representatives to represent Outside Sales. Top pay. Excellent benefits package. Expenses & Bonus Incentives. 1-888-575-4324 or 915-687-4300.

REGIONAL SALES Manager for down hole pump product. Must be familiar with down hole pumps, Permian Basin, have customer contacts, be aggressive and self starter. Excellent compensation/ benefit package for the right person. Send resume to: Lubri-Pump, Inc., 11182 U.S. Hwy. 69 N., Tyler, TX 75706.

TOPAZZ OILFIELD Services, Inc. Midland, TX 79701 has immediate openings for Equipment Operators & Truck Drivers. Successful candidate will be skilled in the Oilfield Service Industry. Must have Class A CDL with Endorsements. No need to relocate. Topazz offers a competitive salary and benefit package. 1-888-575-4324, 687-4300.

320 Skilled Trades

***EXPERIENCED* CABINET MAKER**

Campbell Construction Company seeking experienced Cabinet Maker. 401(k) and Cafeteria Plan available. Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland, Texas 79705 or send resume to P.O. Box 11293, Midland, Texas 79702, Salary DOE.

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$500 Cash Back
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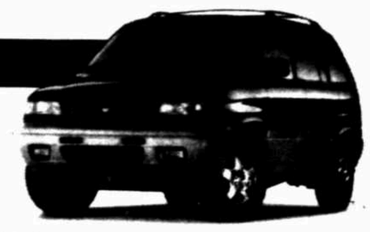
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CARPENTER with own tools and experience; also, carpenters helper needed. References required by both. Call 684-3843.

ELECTRONIC TECH- Needed for electronics retailer excellent pay, paid vacation, paid medical, 401K & employee discounts. Harold's Electronics 2809 Andrews Hwy., Odessa, 79762. 332-4842 attention Mark.

MACHINIST WANTED, minimum of 5 years, night shift perferred, hours 3 - 11 pm. Apply at 8927 Andrews Highway in Odessa.

MANAGER for Pipe Inspection company. Must have experience in all phases of pipe inspection and testing including background with certification of electronic inspection. 684-6755.

MECHANICS /MACHINISTS. Growing company looking for experienced shop and field mechanics and day and night shift machinists. Top Pay, benefits include: excellent health and dental plan, invested simple IRA and AFLAC offered. Please send resume to: Petroplex Machine & Supply, P.O. Box 13714, Odessa, Texas 79768 or apply at 280 South Industrial, Odessa. If any additional questions, please call 915-580-3043. Monday-Saturday 7 am- 6 pm. EOE.

MUDLOGGERS. Experienced mudloggers! Discovery Logging will interview candidates with two years minimum experience. Geology degree preferred. Candidate needs good communication, analytical and mechanical skills. Candidate must be willing and able to adapt to Discovery Logging and its client based working environments. Candidate must be in good physical condition. Job requires light lifting and agility. Must have good transportation. Logging units are well maintained and all units have user friendly logging computers. Drug screen required. Competitive pay, matching retirement plan and health insurance available. Discovery Logging, P.O. Box 80531, Midland, Texas 79708. 687-1823.

REECE ALBERT, Inc., a large Texas based construction company is looking for experienced Motor-Grader Operator. Salary range based on experience. 7600 North County Road 1150. Located North East Midland County. Phone 682-3769, 8- 5, Monday-Friday.

336 Adult Care Providers

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

RELIABLE CARE in your home. Trustworthy sitters. Need depenable help call Janet 520-8596. Resonable rates.

ASSISTED LIVING- warm, cozy, 24 hour caring environment owned and managed by RN. Call 684-6155.

ADULT CARE- Very reasonable rates. Private room/ bath, meals, maid, laundry service. Transportation provided. 687-6035.

340 Child Care Needed

WANTING SOMEONE to take care of children, take and pickup from school. Hours from 7 am- 6 pm, Monday thru Friday. 694-2157.

Call Today!
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341 Child Care Providers

HONEST CHRISTIAN mother will keep children in my home. nutritional meals and snacks provided. Lots of TLC, flexible hours, reasonable rates. Will provided references. 520-7358 call any time.

DON'T BE FOOLED by the lowest prices in town. Get registered quality child care, Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 5:30pm, with lunch and snacks provided. 18 months and up, only. Please call 697-5226.

350 Business Opportunities

IF YOU WANT To Sell your business, we have buyers! Call Bennett & Associates- Business Brokers. 684-5209.

COKE MACHINES $650. Guaranteed, some locations available. Call (915)570-8158 or 1 (888)254-9776.

ATTENTION ENTREPRENEURS! Work at home!, traditional, business, prospects call you! 6 figure income easily 1-800-995-0796 ext. 0934.

METAL FABRICATION facility, formally used for tank manufacturing. 24,000 sq. ft. 2- large HI Span metal buildings, O.H. cranes, 8 acres with office, heavy duty electric service 440 volt, equipment included. Albany, Texas (Abilene area). Turn Key- owner may finance. More information fax 972-878-6335.

350 Business Opportunities

EARN BIG Money. Public company, announces new technology. Aggressive independent representatives needed. Call 1-888-845-3638.

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Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

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WELL ESTABLISHED 24 hour Answering Service. Partial owner financing. 697-9445, leave name and phone number. Serious inquiries only.

UNLIMITED INCOME! Overwhelmed! I'll show you how to get started. Earn $500 to $2,500 per week, part time, not MLM. Call 1-800-489-1628 Ext. 24.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277.

"HAPPY ADS" for any occasion as low as $42 Call 682-6222 for more information.

400 Auctions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1997, 10:00 am. Sharp! Preview December 12th, 1997, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Absolutely No Minimums, No Reserves! Terms: Cash, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, Cashier Checks, Personal and Company Checks accompanied by Bank Letter of Guarantee Dated 12-12-97. Everything sold "As Is", "Where Is" without warranty. Items subject to change without prior notice. All oral announcements supersede any printed material. Ice Merchandiser, 2-Door Beverage Retailer, Typewriters, Computer Systems, Drafting Tables, Work Table, Refrigerators, Bookshelves, Desk, Conference Tables, Phones, Chairs, Chairs & Chairs, All Types & Sizes of File Cabinets, Storage Cabinets, Credenzas, Small Chest Freezers, Snack Machine, Ice Cream Merchandiser, Printer Stands, Heating Units, Floor Lamps, (Over 400 Units), Rolling Map Files. Visit our Web Site at: HTTP://www.quikpage.com/A/auctionaction. Auction Conducted by: Auction Action Midland Supercenter, 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas 79701. 915-682-1004. Fred F. Munoz, Auctioneer TX License #6250.

410 Misc. Sales

POWER WHEELS, Jeep Wrangler, almost new, $125 negotiable. Call 570-0315.

GARAGE SALES
Hidden treasures? Junk?
Recycle your unwanted items!
Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

WHAT A DEAL! 50% Off Clothing! Semi- Annual Sale! 105 North Fort Worth. 687-3070.

GARAGE SALE! Plus size. Thursday and Friday. 1705 E. Walnut Lane, 10 am till?

Heloise Classified Hints!

HELOISE HINT: Garage Sale strategy. About halfway through your garage sale, start marking down items. This way you will get rid of what you put out for sale. E-mail-HELOISE @cis.compuserve.com.

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79703

3605 APACHE. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 - 3pm. Christmas tree and accessories, antique, console TV and stereo, Chevy Truck, sport rims, weights with bench, shop desk, lawn mower, hide a bed, chair and clothes. Girls toys and clothes, and kitchen stuff.

79705

FRIDAY ONLY!!!! Super Nintendo, toys, games, books, clothes and lots more! 8 am, 1425 Ventura.

911 VENTURA, Friday/ Saturday. Kids toys, bikes, furniture, lots of miscellaneous. New items Saturday. Good deals on new stuff!

2404 GODDARD CT., in the alley. Large family sale, toys, clothes, Christmas items, all kinds of odds and ends. 7:30 til 6pm Friday & Saturday only.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.

Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

Tami, Pam, Brandi, Pat, Paula or Sandy are ready to help you!

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GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20

★7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
★2 Days
★ ■/●/♥ Stand Out Emblem
★Garage Sale Kit
(includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints $5 Value!)
★Package of Flavored Drink Mix
(for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
★$3 Off Classified Coupon
(Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only $24!

Call 682-6222 Today!

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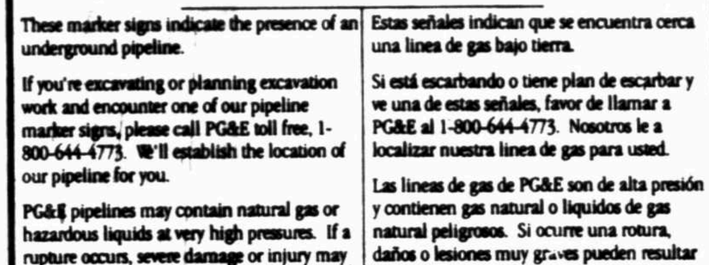
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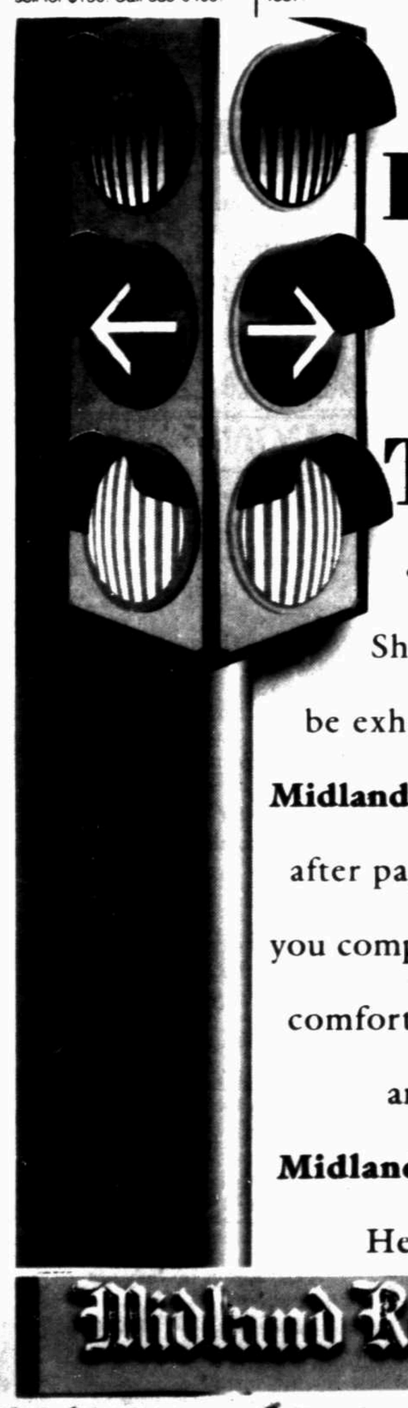
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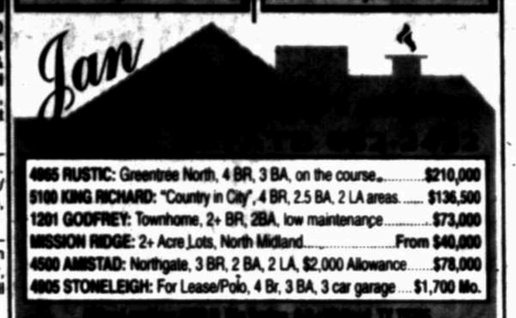
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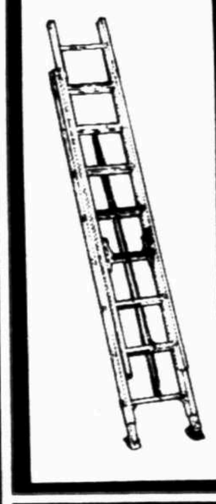
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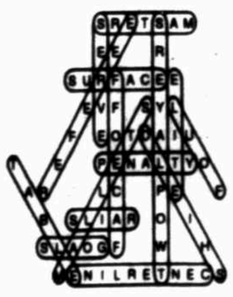
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